



MAY NEWSLETTER

Dear All
Take a look at what each room is up to this month.



CRAWLERS

In April, we have been learning about Different animals and where they live such as on the farm, in the ocean or on land. We have been on many walks to the farm to have a look at the different animals. We have also been learning about the different sounds they make and trying to copy the noises.

Over the next few weeks, we will be learning about different seasons and the world changing around us. Watching and even growing some plants to watch them grow.

Thanks Crawlers team.

DISCOVERERS

We have had an exciting month celebrating Easter, It was lovely to see everyone back after the Easter holidays and to hear all about the fun activities the children have been enjoying.

During the holidays the children enjoyed lots of fun Easter crafts, forest school activities, Easter egg hunts and an Easter Party.

Our focus for this month was learning all about our 5 senses and celebrating spring. The children enjoyed lots of activities learning about these, they especially enjoyed a sensory walk using their feet to touch different textures, spring scavenger hunt, 5 senses tuff tray, making nature crowns and large scale natural painting.

This month our focus is community and different occupations. The children will enjoy learning about different job roles, lots of dress up/role play, having walks around the local community visiting the shop, church, train station and farm.

Towards the end of the month the children will then start practicing our races for sports day and graduation, we are all very excited for this.

Curriculum focus: Community champion

EXPLORERS

This month, we are very excited to begin our new theme: Superheroes and People Who Help Us!

The children will explore this topic through lots of fun, hands-on play experiences. From role-playing real-life heroes like firefighters, police officers, doctors, and paramedics, to creating their very own superheroes, we will be encouraging imagination, confidence, and curiosity in all that we do.

We are especially looking forward to becoming enthusiastic little bookworms as we share stories about superheroes and the important people who help us every day.

The children are also eager to get messy and creative! We will be using a variety of materials to paint, build, and design—exploring colours, textures, and lots of imaginative ideas along the way. Please be prepared for some messy (but very fun!) learning.

Thank you for your continued support. Explorers team.

INVESTIGATORS

This month, we have been learning about shopping and food in the Investigators room. Our curriculum focus was Community Champion and the children were able to practise this skill on trips out to the local farm, community shop and park.

The children have enjoyed learning about where their food comes from with small world farm play, food sorting activities and discussion around what they've been eating at snack and lunchtimes.

We've looked at the story of the Hungry Caterpillar and have used our creative skills to make a giant caterpillar for our wall display. We've also used different fruits, dipped in paint to create our own prints and a till added to the role-play area to play shops.

In May, our topic will be Superheroes and People Who Help Us.

Our curriculum focus will be Confident Communicator.

Important Dates for Your Diary!

22nd of June and 25th of June will be our Sports Day and Graduation Events.

We close bank Holidays. On these dates we do not receive government funding. If your child would attend on a bank holiday and you want to book another date that week we will charge for it. **These are: 3rd & 6th of April, 4th & 25th May.**

To support our new building please note the following dates:

Monday 13th of July all wrap around care and pre-school care will run from Church Fenton Village Hall until 20th July.

To move to Kirk Fenton School we will be closed 21st & 22nd of July.

All holiday clubs and nursery care from 23rd of July to the 2nd of September will be held in Kirk Fenton primary School.

Our Nursery provision will be closed 3rd of September until 11th of September to allow us to set up the new building we open again on Monday 14th September.

Monday 7th of September to Friday 11th of September we will be providing wrap around care from Church Fenton Village Hall.

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ADVENTURERS

Over the last few weeks, the adventurers have loved playing group games and engaging in den building and different competitions within the group.

The children are enjoying their time at the village hall and the space this gives them to play and enjoy the activities we have planned.

Over the next few weeks, we will be making up some new games together to play and adapt to the children we have in. We will also be enjoying some crafts and building different types of dens together to see which ones are the best.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Forest schools.

Over the last few weeks we have been focusing on plants and how they grow, we have been learning about everything they need. The children have been watching the garden change and getting excited about the vegetables they will try.

Over the next few weeks we will be focusing on community and the different jobs roles we will see around the village. We will also be continuing our learning about our world and how we can make small changes to our daily lives to support our environment.

HOME LEARNING CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Home learning winners:

Martha
Louella
Harvey
Atticus
Remy

NEWS

Hello my name is Karen Holding I have recently changed roles within the setting from Investigator Room Supervisor to take on a new position of Thrive lead working along my current SENCO role.

Thrive is a setting approach that helps to improve the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people. I will be undergoing a 14 week training program gaining knowledge and understanding, resources and will use the award-winning online tool, to better understand the needs of some children and provide targeted, effective support where it's needed. I will work closely with all rooms supporting staff and children.

If we feel that Thrive will support your child, we will organise a meeting to discuss this with you

Well done to our Kitchen Team, securing another Food Hygiene Rating 5 after a flying visit from the Environmental Health.



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Jigsaws, with the help of Knowsley online safety support for parents, will bring you the latest information on how to support your whole family. Please see link below:

[Online Gaming](#)

[Navigating Group Chats](#)

JIGSAWS Childcare Ltd.
01937 558951 www.jigsawschildcare.co.uk

CLICK THINGS TO DO THIS MAY!

FreezeNova (Unblocked games)

FreezeNova unblocked is a website that is free to access and contains a wide variety of games, including shooting, multiplayer and racing games. This site may bypass usual filters, making it easier for your child to access games that you may not want them to play. As there are a variety of games, not all games may be suitable for your child.

There is also FreezeNova Chat, allowing users to chat to their friends and meet new ones. Clearly there are concerns with any online chat facility as there is the potential to view inappropriate content, risk of bullying as well as grooming.

We could not locate any age ratings on this site and there are constant adverts. Childnet have a webpage providing advice on gaming and chat features here:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/gaming/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleycitylearningcentres.org.uk/may-2026-primary/>

Group Chats

Is your child part of any group chats? This could be on social media, for example on WhatsApp or within games such as Fortnite. If so, it is important that you are aware of the potential risks, which include:

- **Inappropriate content** – there is often a lack of moderation within chat facilities so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.
- **Bullying** – there are many instances where inappropriate/hurtful comments are shared within groups, this could take the form of name calling or body shaming. Bullying can also be in the form of excluding others from the group. These issues often overflow into 'real life'.
- **Strangers** – your child could be added to groups with people they do not know or even with someone that they have previously blocked.
- **Conversations can be shared/screen shot** – make sure your child is aware that anything they share within a group can be shared with others.
- **Sharing personal information** – remind your child to be aware of the information they share with others, including images and location.



How can I help make group chats safer?

- Check the recommended age rating and adhere to them.
- Set up age-appropriate parental controls, suitable privacy settings and set screen time limits.
- On WhatsApp you can do a privacy check, by going to settings, privacy and privacy checkup.
- Show your child how to use any reporting and blocking tools.

What else can I do?

- It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online.
- Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about what they send and how it could be perceived by others. **Talk about positivity and not saying anything hurtful. Ask them to think about whether they would say what they are messaging, face to face.**
- Devices should be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing and who they are interacting with.
- Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

Further information

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

Roblox - update

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. **As a lot of the content is user generated, not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.** If your child is playing Roblox, **it is important to monitor what your child is accessing as well as set up appropriate parental controls.** PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance recommended label, this is because it is a platform of individual, user generated games.



New Age-Based Accounts

From next month, Roblox will introduce two new age-based accounts: Roblox Kids for users ages 5 to 8 and Roblox Select for users ages 9 to 15. Roblox Kids Accounts (ages 5–8) will be limited to games with a ‘Minimal or Mild’ content maturity label and all communication is disabled by default. Roblox Select accounts (ages 9 to 15) will be limited to games with content maturity labels up to and including ‘Moderate’. By default, Experience Chat is ON and Direct Experience Chat is OFF. The differences in chat are outlined here: <https://about.roblox.com/safety-by-age>

Parental Controls

As part of parental controls, you can manage content ratings, communication, screen-time, and spending limits as well as see which games your child is playing on and who their friends are. Roblox are extending these controls to allow you to:

- Block specific individual games (to age 15).
- Manage direct chat settings (to age 15).
- Approve access to specific games.

It is important to regularly monitor what your child is playing on Roblox and who they are interacting with, even if you have parental controls set up. You can find out more about the new accounts and parental controls here:

<https://about.roblox.com/newsroom/2026/04/introducing-roblox-kids-and-select-accounts>

Further information

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-releases-updated-parental-controls-and-age-appropriate-experiences/>

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Screen time guidance for under 5s

The Government now advise limiting screen time for young children. They advise avoiding screen time for under 2 years and to try to keep it to less than 1 hour a day for 2-5 years. Best Start for Life have published an article outlining what content is better, how your own screentime affects your child and how screentime can affect your child’s development. Find out more here:

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s/>

Do you know what ‘looksmaxxing’ is?

It is the idea of improving and maximising your looks. Internet Matters have published this article, which provides more information on this topic and outlines the risks (including links to the manosphere):

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-looksmaxxing-online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>

PEGI is expanding their age ratings

From June, PEGI is adding new categories. “Newly submitted games will be classified with a broader set of criteria that will focus on content and functionality, such as purchases of in-game content, paid random items, communication features, and features that incentivise players to continue playing.” Find out more here:

<https://pegi.info/news/pegi-expands-age-rating-criteria-interactive-risk-categories>