

January 2019



Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all! We have enjoyed finding out what our Little Tinkers have been up to and what Father Christmas brought them!

We are always looking to improve our practice at Little Tinkers and decided that it would be a nice idea to send out a newsletter to keep you updated and share new ideas.

Our first staff meeting this year will be updating our safeguarding training. This will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February following our first Drop in! (see website for details).

We have set up a book swap shelf in the main entrance where you can bring in books you have finished and swap them for another!

Our website ([littletinkers.info](http://littletinkers.info)) is updated regularly and you can find lots of information there. Please feel free to pass on any comments or suggestions for things to add to it!

At a recent staff meeting, we discussed ways we could keep records and improve our home/school contact beyond the lovely opportunities we have to chat at the beginning and end of a session. With this in mind, we wondered whether it would be helpful if you were able to take your child's learning journal home over a weekend. This would hopefully give you time to really have a look and see what they are up to!

If you wanted to, you could add any comments, or notes which would help us to support them in their development at nursery and preschool. For example, things they are showing interest in at home or new skills they are learning which we could help with at Tinkers. You could also add photos or tell us about anything exciting that your child has been doing over the weekend or Christmas for example – family celebrations are lovely to share!

We also love to hear when children talk to you about something they have done at Tinkers - we know lots of the Big Tinkers practised the Nativity songs at home!

In the Tiny Tinkers room, Bronwyn would love to have photos for the children's reflection area. This would not only introduce opportunities to talk about home life but also give the children photos of familiar things to reassure and settle them. The photos could be of family members, pets, the house, bedroom, favourite toy etc.

In Little Tinkers, we have started rhyme time and are concentrating on numbers 1-5 helping the children to understand the concept of each number and counting using 1:1 correspondence. Also, the children's favourite book is *The Gruffalo* and we have been expanding on ideas for this topic through art and drama.

The Big Tinkers have been taking advantage of the cold mornings by exploring weather, ice and the seasons.

Thank you for your continued support and here's to another great year for all our Tinkers!

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