



Bristol Children's Playhouse  
Growing Together

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## Newsletter June/July 2018



Parents and Carers are always welcome at preschool. If you would like to stay at welcome time, or work with us in the preschool please talk to a member of staff.

Thank you ☺

### Our learning

#### Robins

The Robins have been extending their language and showing us their caring side in their roleplay in the last few weeks. We explored the doctor's kit and dressing up which prompted the creation of a doctor's surgery and vets. We use makaton daily in nursery – ask your children to show you the sign for 'Doctor', 'friend' and 'baby' (Mr Tumble can help!) Following the children's need to be energetic, we made a soft play area together in the living room from play mats, wooden equipment and cushions! The group are having great fun every day jumping, climbing and rolling and developing their gross motor skills.

#### Magpies

As many of the Magpies will be going to school in September many of us having been thinking about letters and sounds and practicing writing our own name. However, one of the most important things that we need to help the children with at this stage is being independent. Can your child put their own coat on? Can they slip their own shoes on? Have a think about this when you are on your way out. We also want to encourage children to sit and listen to a short story of their choosing. If you do this every night before they start school it will give them a real advantage when it comes to listening and paying attention.

We have been exploring different ways to paint. Using printing tools, pipettes and even tooth brushes! As part of our numbers and shapes learning we are playing with sorting and categorising - put the green triangle in the green bowl, which is the biggest bear? Lots of children are now able to match a small quantity of objects with the actual numeral. It has been so nice to see lots of the children linking up and taking on roles in their play. We have had minibeast hunters, chefs, shop keepers and cats in the nursery!



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## Term Dates 2017/18

T6 Monday 4 June to Tuesday 24 July 2018

### Inset Days Robin Room

We will be closed on the following dates:

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

## End of term party:



On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of July at 12pm we will be having an end of term party for the Robin and Magpie children. These are taking place within your child's standard nursery session and we will have vegetarian food, art activities, face painting, dancing and making crowns/party hats. You are not obliged to come along but you are very welcome to do so and help us celebrate another fantastic year at the playhouse!

Sadly it's time to say goodbye to our baby chicks! After meeting Cloud the chicken with farmer Bill we learned lots about how chickens grow and how to care for them. We incubated the eggs here at the Playhouse and children kept regular checks on how they were doing. When they began to hatch we prepared their pen and the children made sure they had fresh sawdust, water and food each day. Now the chicks are bigger they can go back to their forever home at St Werburghs. This has been such a rich learning experience for both groups. Have a lovely summer everyone, we are back on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.



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