

Noah's Ark News

17 June

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the children have been looking at shapes and patterns of shapes. We have seen shapes on our clothing in our setting and outside. We have used frames on the lightbox, both as shapes themselves and to frame other shapes and patterns. It is amazing how many you see once you start to look.

Some children have been practicing mark making colouring in shapes, whilst others have been building or arranging loose parts.

As the weather has (finally) started to get warmer, we wanted to remind you that we do not have facilities for storing all the lunches in our fridge. We recommend that you put an icepack in with your child's lunch to keep it cool. Especially if it contains dairy products or other food which needs chilling and if your child comes to breakfast club, when it may be a while before they eat it. For information our lunchtime is between 11.45 and 12.30 pm.

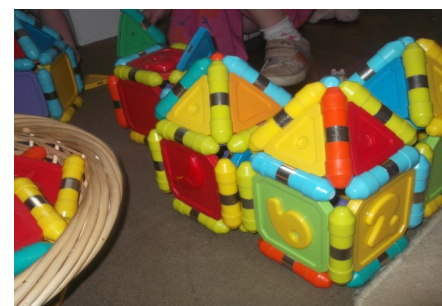
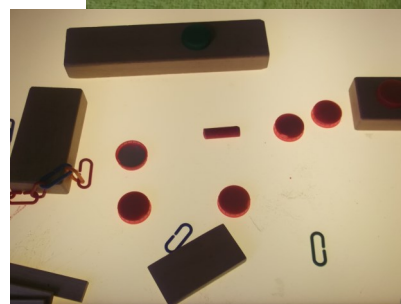
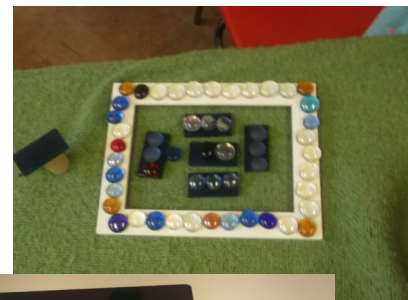
We are also very much aware of the need to ensure children stay hydrated in hot weather. Please could you provide a **named** water bottle for your child which we will keep on the trolley in the corridor so they can access them at all times.

I have attached our Sun Protection Procedure, which is available on our website, which has more information about how we keep the children safe in hot weather.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy the good weather,

Best wishes,

The Noah's Ark team



Makaton sign of the week

We are all using Makaton to support Children's language and understanding. Our sign of the week is



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Noah's Ark Pre-school

Supporting children and families with God's love and practical care



INFORMATION SHEET Sun Protection

At Noah's Ark we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff and parents to achieve this through:

Education

We plan our curriculum to include stories and activities to reinforce the sun protection messages. We liaise with Parents and carers through our newsletter. Parents and carers will be sent a letter explaining what we are doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term and during summer holidays. The importance of sun protection is covered during staff meetings and any practical difficulties are raised at this time.

Protection

Shade:

We have various areas in outside which provide shade. As well as the overhead canopy we make use of equipment to make areas of shade. When the sun is strong we will encourage children to sit/play in the shade where it is available.

Timetabling:

We encourage children to play outside at the beginning and end of the day when the sun is less strong.

Clothing:

Children are required to wear clothing that covers their shoulders and the top part of their legs. They should also wear hats that cover the ears, face and neck between 11am and 3pm. We have hats and sunglasses available for children who forget their own. All staff have also agreed to wear hats when outside to set a good example.

Hydration:

Parents are requested to send children to Pre-school with a named water bottle. Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day.

Sunscreen:

Parents are requested to apply sunscreen to their child before they leave them at pre-school. This should be a product which is at least factor SPF 30 and should be of a type which lasts for at least 4 hours.

For children that are staying all day, we obtain permission for staff to apply sunscreen on days when the sun is strong. We provide sunscreen through Pre-school. Parents are given the opportunity to provide their own sunscreen. In this case, children will need to bring in their own clearly labelled bottle of sunscreen, at least factor SPF 15+. These will be kept in the kitchen out of reach of children

We will monitor our progress and review the policy annually.

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