



Newsletter: February

*“Piglet: 'How do you spell love?' Pooh: 'You don't spell it, you **feel** it!'” A.A. Milne*

Welcome to our February Newsletter. The days may still be cold but don't despair - a warm and heartfelt welcome is waiting for you and your child at Stay & Play. Whether you are looking for a morning of action-packed toddler fun or just a chance to sit and chat – then The Abbey is the place for you.

Our aim is to provide a safe and stimulating environment in which you and your child can make friends and enjoy learning through play. Inspiring creative and imaginative play and encouraging your child's natural curiosity is central to our ethos.

We hope that you enjoyed our Artist themed session in January. It was so lovely to see so many budding artists creating wonderful pieces.

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Run and jump in the Garden!

Although it may be cold outside, there is still a lot to do and see in the Stay and Play garden.

We are very proud of our large secure outside space, which is just perfect for your child to run and jump and generally let off steam!

Maybe you'll spot some early signs of Spring? Collect a spotter sheet on your way outside..



Stay and Play 'to go'

Rainbow Rice

Rainbow rice is always popular at Stay and Play! This really easy, relatively mess-free, open-ended activity will also feature in this month's session.

You will need:

- 1 cup of dry rice per colour
- Unscented hand gel
- Coloured paint
- Zippy bag or lidded container
- Baking tray
- Various pots, scoops, spoons, sieves, funnels for play
- Larger container for play (cat litter trays or shallow storage boxes are perfect)

Method:

- Add one cup of rice to your bag/container
- Add one small squirt of hand gel
- Add a squirt of paint (no more than a teaspoon)
- Zip up the bag/ensure the lid is on firmly
- SHAKE! Until all the rice is covered and the paint has dispersed
- Spread out on a baking tray to dry
- Add a few pots, scoops, spoons and play!





Song Time

Action songs

Stay and Play just wouldn't be the same without a rousing song or musical instrument or two to finish off a morning of fun and laughter! This month we will be singing action songs to whisk away those winter blues!

Upcoming Stay and Play dates:

All sessions run from 09.30am-11.00am. Please visit <https://theabbey.co.uk/events/> for more information and to book your child's place.

11 March 2022

13 May 2022

10 June 2022



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