



August 2021 Newsletter

Welcome to the August Newsletter. For all those parents and children who have recently joined us, a very warm welcome to the Gelston family.

Important Updates & Messages from Management

PRE-SCHOOL GRADUATION 2021

Thank you to all our families that joined us for the Pre-school graduation on Sunday 22nd August. It was a fantastic afternoon and ever so lovely to get all the children together to celebrate their successes!

Good luck to all of you on the new journey that awaits you in September!

STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Well done Amber from the Owlets room who is our staff member of the month for August. Amber has settled in brilliantly since starting with us here at Gelston in June. She is always proactive and looking for new ways to develop the children and their learning environment. Well done Amber, keep up the good work!

UPDATES FROM OUR CLASSROOMS

BUNNIES

What have the children been participating in within the classroom?

The Bunnies children has been enjoying lots of messy play involving bugs. The children have been searching for bugs outside and counting them as they go along, all whilst learning about sizing within play.

What the children have been enjoying...

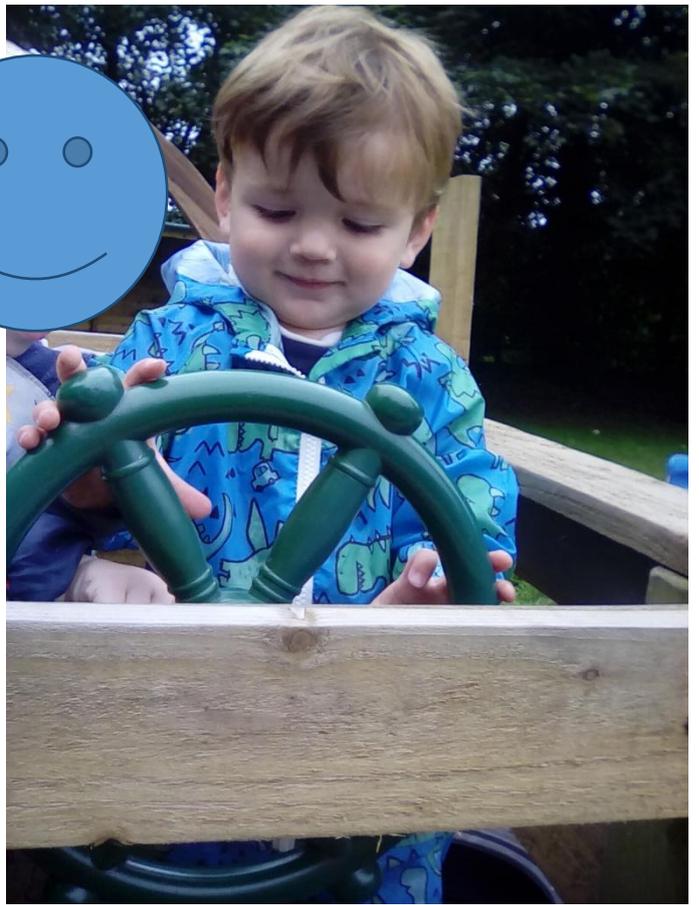
The Bunnies children have enjoyed having picnic teas in the garden, baking activities, books and filling/emptying water play.

What are the children's current interests?

The children have had a big interest in bugs recently, alongside picnic teas, baking and "Zog"!

What are the Bunnies going to be focusing on?

Next month in the Bunnies room their will be dinosaurs incorporated into the messy play alongside the bugs. The children will also be participating in some more cooking and baking activities.



ROBINS

What have the children been participating in within the classroom?

This month in Robins the children have shown a lot of interest in playing games that involve turn taking and playing/ waiting on the slide.

What the children have been enjoying...

The children have enjoyed activities based their interest in taking turns for example what's in the box and the children initiating their own turn taking play. We have been continuing their interest in taking turns to encourage the children to do this when they are using the big slide in the room. The children are using their personal, social and emotional skills to take turns with the other children in their play.

What are the Robins going to be focusing on?

For the month ahead, the Robins class will be focusing on staying safe. The children have shown some interest in plugs and switches. We will be supporting the children by exploring these whilst promoting the understanding of staying safe with them so communication phrases such as ouch hot and encouraging children to communicate this.

Robins are asking for parents to bring photo's in of their families and also pictures of any activities they do at home please.







OTTERS & OWLETS

OTTERS

What have the children been participating in within the classroom?

In Otters this month we have been exploring our feelings. We have looked at how there are lots of different ways to help support our different emotions we may experience. We have also been doing emotions yoga and meditation so that if we get upset we can do meditation to help settle us again.

What the children have been enjoying?

We have been enjoying singing and dancing with our friends making up our own dance moves and using different animals to make marks in the playdough.

What are the children's current interests?

In the Otters class we have been enjoying singing and dancing with our friends making up our own dance moves. We have also been using different animals to make marks in the playdough. We are also very interested in learning Christmas songs and listening to Christmas stories with our friends.

What are the Otters going to be focusing on?

Next month we are going to continue to focus on emotions and sharing within the room.





OWLETS

What the children have been enjoying...

In Owlets we have recently been talking about holidays, and days out with our families. The children have loved exploring different scented play dough including making play dough ice cream. They have also enjoyed filling and emptying containers in the water tray and have also used different materials to create robots.

What are the children's current interests?

We have also been developing our self-help skills during meal times, to support the children with their independence.

The children also participated in a show and tell and brought in some photos for us all to see.

What are the Owlets going to be focusing on?

The children are currently interested in pirates and farms. For the month ahead we will explore colours and how they change.





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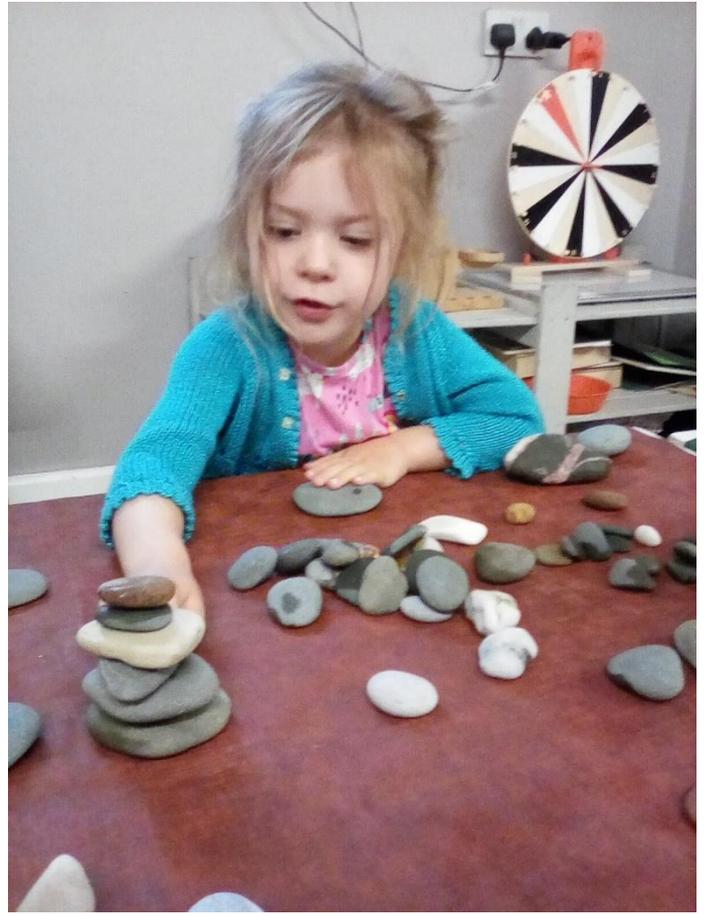
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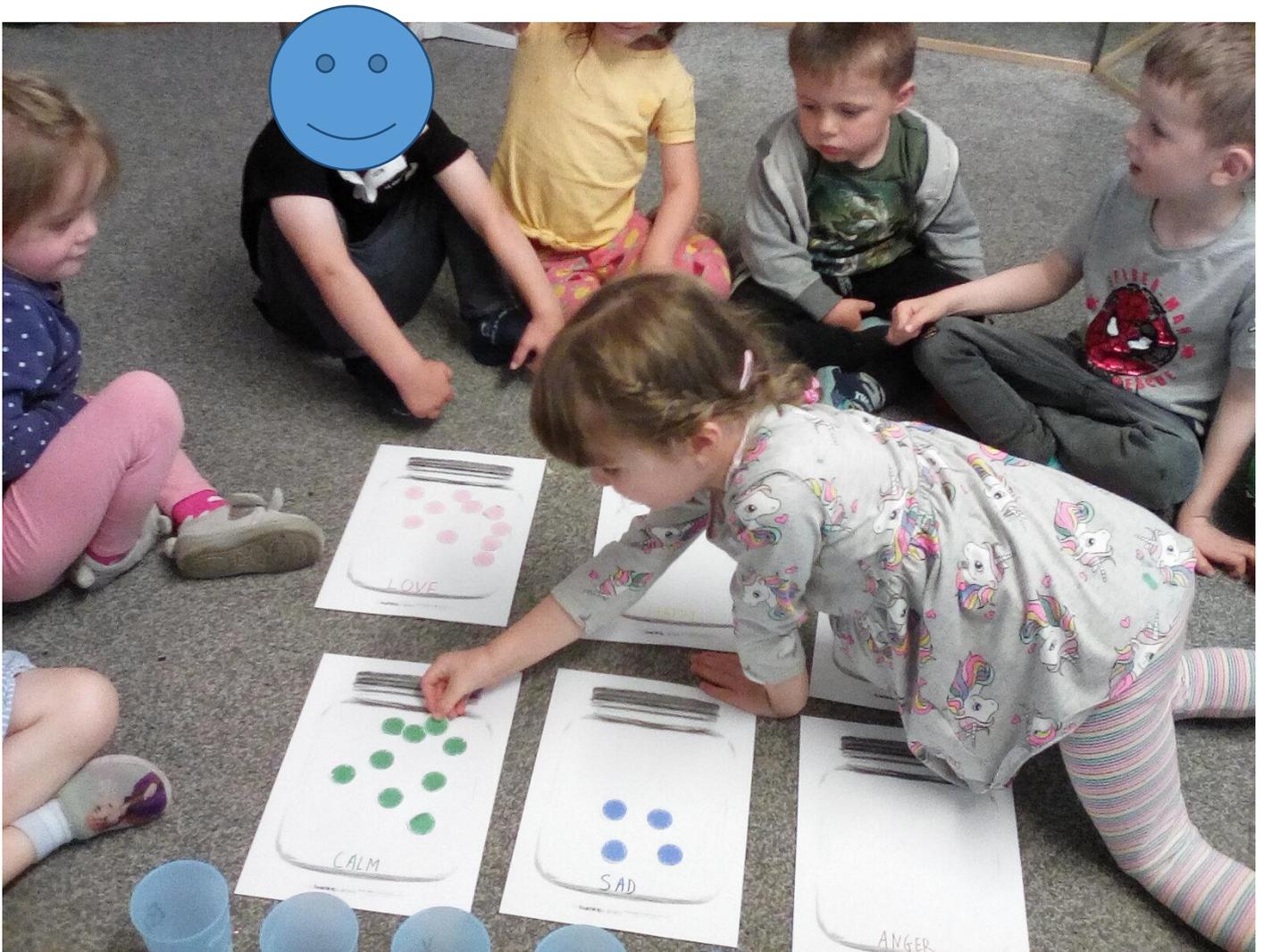
This month we have been saying goodbye to the preschool children who are going to school which has been emotional. We have been talking about our emotions and doing colour monsters activities, making our own colour monsters, making facial expressions to show our emotions, counting and matching colours and sorting the colours into their emotion jars.

What are the children's current interests/what have we been focusing on?

We have also been looking at crabs, shells and pebbles. When investigating crabs, we talked about how a crab moves, how many legs it has, where they live and how they live. When investigating the pebbles, we have been seeing what we can do with them, making a tower out of them and seeing if it stands. We have also enjoyed using the pebbles for sorting them out into sizes or counting them.







Thank you as always for your continued support