

🌻 Bumblebees Newsletter – A Warm Update from Our Room 🌻

Hello to all our lovely Bumblebee families. We've had such a wonderful few weeks in our room, and it's been a joy watching the children grow in confidence, curiosity, and independence. Thank you for your continued support and for sharing your amazing little ones with us each day.

📷 Using Tapestry

Tapestry is a really special part of how we share your child's learning journey with you. It allows us to capture those little moments of curiosity, joy, and progress that happen throughout the day, the moments you might not always get to see. Each key person will complete **three observations per half term**, along with any extra *wow moments* that we just can't wait to share.

Our team puts a great deal of care, time, and thought into every observation. We look closely at what your child is doing, how they're learning, and what sparks their interest, so we can plan experiences that support their next steps. It's a privilege to document their development, and we love being able to celebrate their achievements with you.

We also really value your involvement. Your comments, likes, and home observations help us build a fuller picture of your child's world. Whether it's a new skill, a favourite activity, or a special family moment, please feel free to upload it — we love seeing what they get up to beyond Bumblebees.

🐝 Meet the Team – Week 1

We're excited to introduce a new section in our newsletter: **Meet the Team**. Over the next few weeks, you'll get to know each member of the Bumblebee staff a little better.

We're starting with me, **Cora**:



"Hi, I'm Cora. I'm the Senior Practitioner in Bumblebees, and I absolutely love working with our wonderful two-year-olds. Their curiosity, energy, and eagerness to explore make every day exciting, and I feel lucky to lead such a caring, enthusiastic team. Messy and sensory play is my favourite part of the day, there's nothing better than watching little ones learn through hands-on fun. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, and you'll often find me in the forest on long dog walks with my little pup."

Next week, we'll introduce another lovely member of our Bumblebee team so keep an eye out!

Toys From Home

We know how exciting it is for children to bring in toys from home — they love showing their friends their favourite things, and it's lovely to see their enthusiasm. However, toys can sometimes get misplaced or accidentally broken during a busy day of play, and we'd hate for this to cause any upset.

To help keep everyone happy, we kindly encourage families to keep any *special* or *precious* toys safe at home. Comfort items are of course always welcome if your child needs them. Thank you so much for your understanding and support.

Rainy Day Fun – Activities for 2–3 Year Olds

Rainy days can still be full of fun and learning. Here are some simple ideas to try at home:

- **Indoor obstacle course** with cushions, tunnels, and blankets
- **Puddle jumping** with wellies and waterproofs
- **Homemade playdough** with colours or scents
- **Sensory trays** (rice, pasta, oats, water, or shredded paper)
- **Nature walk in the rain** — look for sticks, leaves, stones
- **Bubble painting** or **bath-time splash painting**
- **Cosy story den** with blankets and torches
- **Dancing and movement games** indoors
- **Simple baking** like banana muffins or biscuits
- **Water play** with toy boats, cups, and spoons

Well-Being Tip for Parents

Try to take a small moment for yourself this week — even a quiet minute with a warm drink or a short walk can help reset your mind. Caring for yourself helps you stay grounded and present for your little one.

Thank You

Thank you for your ongoing support and for being such a wonderful part of our Bumblebee community. If you ever have any questions or would like to chat about your child's progress, please feel free to contact me at c.leighton@lanterns.hants.sch.uk

Warmest wishes,

Cora and the Bumblebee Team  