



## Activities this half term at Strong Close



The children will be taking part in the Bradford Libraries Rhyme Challenge. It is a fun way to introduce

children to rhymes. Each week we will learn a new rhyme at nursery which you can then sing together at home. Also watch out on our website and Face book page for the rhyme of the week. For more information go to

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries/children-and-young-people/rhyme-challenge/>

**Lets Move** sessions take place on a Tuesday morning and Thursday pm with children from Blue and Yellow rooms, the children have the opportunities to develop their gross motor skills and move in time to the music.

**We also hold Sensory Circuit** sessions for the children in Green group, where they can explore different ways of moving.



Try joining the 50 things to do before you're 5 app, which has lots of activities for you and your child to experience together.

Why don't you follow us on Facebook

To take part in the following virtual events please request a zoom invite by email at [office@strongclose.co.uk](mailto:office@strongclose.co.uk)

**Family Matters** is a course designed to promote positive parenting practices in every day life. It offers suggestions and ideas to help with being a parent and to help children develop. This course starts on the 27th January and runs for 4 weeks.

**Thursday 28th January** 10-10.30am SEND virtual parent/carer café for information on Disability Living Allowance (DLA) with Laura and Emma

**Tuesday 2nd February** 10.00– 10.30am virtual parents café with Helen and Emma. The theme is supporting your child with Speech and Language.

### Coronavirus Update

Bradford remains under Tier 3 **Very High restrictions**. The new variant of COVID-19 is extremely infectious so it is now even more important to keep to the **Hands, Face, Space** guidance, by washing hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds, wearing face coverings and staying 2 meters apart. For the latest local information on Covid 19 in the Bradford area see [www.bradford.gov.uk/health/coronavirvice/us-covid-19-ad](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/health/coronavirvice/us-covid-19-ad)



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This Half Term in **Blue, Green & Yellow Rooms**  
**Spring 1 2021**



More detailed plans are done on a weekly basis. These are on display but please ask if you would like your own copy. We will also keep you updated in our weekly 'What's Happening' - copies available in the main entrance, on our website and on Facebook.

Jeśli potrzebujesz tłumaczenia na język polski użyj numeru.

যদি এই অনুবাদ বাংলায় চান তাহলে উপরের সংখ্যায় যোগাযোগ করুন।

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# THIS HALF-TERM IN BLUE, YELLOW and GREEN ROOMS

## Extending children's knowledge and skills

**Wild Animals—**The children have shown a great deal of interest and curiosity in wild animals such as tigers and zebras. In order to extend their knowledge and develop this interest further will look at animals around the world including those that are nocturnal and animals that hibernate in Britain . We



will use the internet to find out Information about the different animals such as where they live and what they eat . We will introduce the children to maps of the world and talk about different countries .

**Light box and dark den—**The children have been visiting our light box and exploring transient art. They have been arranging a collection of open ended resources. There was no permanent end product so the children could visit, adjust and add to it as they wished.

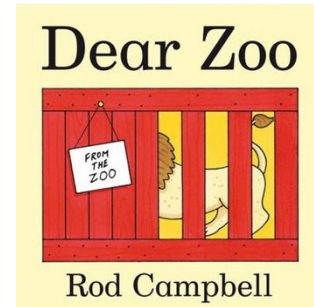
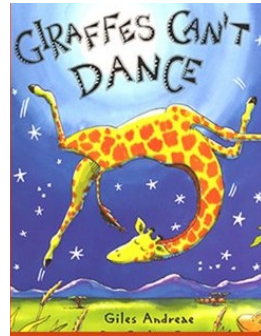


This is something we will be developing further in the next half term by adding more loose parts, encouraging children to find their own objects to add to and incorporating activities based on their interest of small world objects and animals.

**Dark Den—**The children have also been spending lots of time in our new dark den. Some have chosen to unwind and recharge there and others have been exploring the coloured lights inside.

## Introducing new knowledge and skills

This term we will be reading the story **Giraffes Cant Dance by Giles Andreae and Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell**



We will be asking the children to talk about the stories and encouraging them to retell the story to their friends and the adults in nursery.

The children will also have the opportunity to play imaginatively with the animals and to act out the story through photographs and pictures .

We will provide the children with the opportunity to move to different types of music so they can begin to express their feelings .

We will be learning the signs for the animals in the stories and encouraging the children to use them in their play.

This half term we will also be welcoming and settling in new children into our classrooms. We will support new relationships with adults and children, as well as understanding nursery routines.



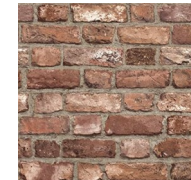
## Some ideas for parents /carers

If you would like to become more familiar with our core stories Giraffes Cant Dance and Dear Zoo you could watch staff telling core stories on our website or Facebook page.

You could also go to [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4UNRduYI\\_04](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4UNRduYI_04) to watch Giraffes Can't Dance or <https://singinghands.co.uk/makaton-signed-story/dear-zoo-signed-story/> for Dear Zoo

As we head into winter please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather, including suitable winter footwear.

Show your child that maths is in our every day lives by looking for shapes on your way to nursery. Point out shapes you see in the environment such as the triangle shape of a road sign or a square window. At home talk about everyday shapes such as the circle on a clock.



We are always keen to celebrate children's achievements so please could you share with us what your child does at home and where possible upload photographs to your child's Early Essence record. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like more information or you have forgotten your password .