

# The Nursery Sensory Den



# Welcome to Nursery!

We are very lucky to have our very own Sensory Den in our outside area for the children to explore on a daily basis.

It will be used during the children's child-initiated play time, as well as to support small adult-led teaching activities.





# Busy Fingers Board

Here the children can practise their busy fingers skills by turning keys and wheels, pressing buttons, slotting cogs together etc.



The image shows a wooden board with various interactive toys. On the left, there is a small metal box with a padlock and a chain. In the center, there is a blue steering wheel with a yellow center. To the right of the wheel, there is a white electrical outlet with a cord plugged in. Below the wheel, there is a small metal box with a handle. On the right side, there is a white PVC pipe with a 90-degree elbow. Below the pipe, there is a small metal box with a handle. At the bottom right, there is a small wooden board with colorful gears (red, yellow, green, blue, purple) that can be slotting together. A sign at the bottom of the board reads "Busy Fingers" with illustrations of bees and a sunflower.

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# The Reading Corner

This is our sensory reading corner!

All of the books in this area have sensory qualities to engage the children's touch and hearing.

We have a range of squashy rainbow floor cushions, a furry rug and cosy blankets for the children to snuggle into whilst they enjoy the books. We also have the leaf canopy above our heads!





# Sensory Bottles

These are our beautiful sensory bottles! They contain a range of coloured glitters and sequins that fascinate the children visually and can be incredibly calming. There are also “search and find” bottles for the children to explore.



# Our Texture Wall

Here the children can explore a range of textures with their fingers, whilst also expanding their descriptive vocabulary with words such as “soft”, “rough”, “smooth”, “bumpy” etc.





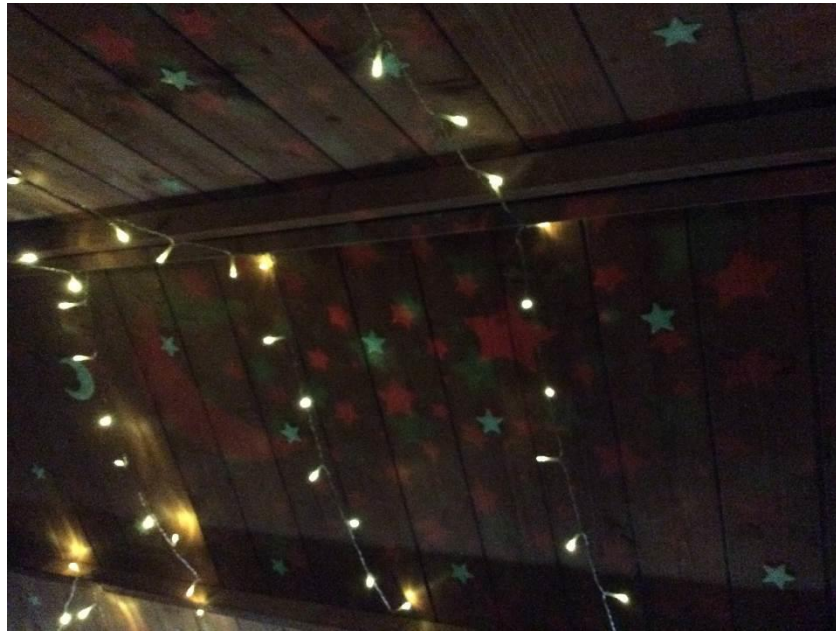
# Sensory Baskets

Our sensory baskets contain a range of objects to excite the children's senses. We have a selection of balls that contain lights and rattles, as well as musical instruments for the children to explore.



# Dark Den!

Our Sensory Den can also be transformed into a Dark Den!  
With black-out blinds on the windows, our ceiling fairy lights and glow stars can shine! We also have a light projector so that the children can watch the lights dance around the den!





# Sensory Garden

We have recently extended our sensory shed to include a sensory garden to stimulate the children's sight, sound, touch and smell senses!

The garden includes various herbs such as mint and rosemary, lavender, grasses and plants with colourful leaves. Two of the planters contain large pebbles and smallworld toys for the children to play with in a sensory environment. We also have brightly coloured windmills for the children to investigate the wind!



# Safeguarding

All of the sensory bottles are superglued shut to ensure there are no spillages or accidental consumption.

The shed doors will be kept wide open at all times so that the children and adults inside can be seen at all times.

On the occasions when the den is used as a Dark Den and the doors and windows are closed, there will always be two adults present.

