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Scheduled for February 2020 for the babies 1 section:

This February for the babies 1 class will focus on the colours of the rainbow with the theme of the Carnival.

This will be the chance to enjoy traditional music from the world where they sing about this fun celebration full of dancing. Folklore songs and popular tunes will improve the children's **hearing and language**, while their **visual and cognitive sides** will be supported by discovering books and nursery rhymes.

For **visual stimulation** bursting with colour, we will handle light through semi-transparent red, green, yellow and blue sheets, not to mention handling coloured scarves and a shower of confetti which will turn our afternoons into a delight.

We will **stimulate their sense of touch** with the "spider's web tray" – the children will discover different objects on the theme through the basket twine; while their **fine motor skills and grip** will be improved, on the one hand, with the tissue boxes which the children will be able to enjoy emptying and filling and, on the other hand, with small cushions with different textures.

We welcomed new children to the class during January and the welcome song will now play a key role during this time of the Carnival. In fact, creating a moment when we greet each child improves **the group spirit and identity** in a warm, friendly environment that essentially focuses on the well-being of our little ones.

Finally, foam blocks, hoops and mats will help develop and improve their range of movements with the **psychomotor activities** offered by our dear nursery carers in class.

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Scheduled for February 2020 for the babies 2 section:

February 2020 in the BB2 class will pick up on the theme of the Carnival.

Music, dance and colours will be part of class and we will ask parents to give us a “simple” fancy dress costume so their child can have fun being **creative**.

Our culinary workshops will be the chance to make traditional biscuits and cakes, etc, for **smells and flavours** that come from other places; while garlands, masks and confetti will brighten up our days during our workshops and activities bursting with colour as well as **visual and fine motor skills stimulation**.

We will also **stimulate their cognitive skills, hearing and sight** by discovering books, picture books and stories. This will be the chance to talk about the Harlequin, Pulcinella and the Gilles de Binche.

We will also set up little craft activities, such as decorating masks as they please or making decorations for the classroom to improve our **fine motor skills** and **creativity**.

Finally, our psychomotor courses organised on the theme of parties and music will help develop our **motor skills**.

Scheduled for February 2020 for the toddlers section:

It’s Carnival time: February for the toddlers will be the month of parades.

Dance, rhythm and music will fill our hearts with joy and make our little bodies move in choreographed movements suitably disguised to combine **psychomotor skills** with fun. “Acrobatic” courses will also be set up by adding trays filled with sand, feathers, water and flour, for a **sensory trail** packed with sensations and colours.

Individual crafts will allow the children to handle, create and build and each child will get the chance to show mum and dad their masterpieces hanging up in the classroom at the end of the day. In fact, we will improve **the fine motor skills** and dexterity of our little fingers by making personalised clowns from our photos. The children will be able to “put on their own make-up” on a photo of their face, improving their notion of the **body map and self-awareness**.

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Their **language skills and vocabulary** will be improved thanks to picture books – made by the nursery carers – on the theme of the carnival. We will browse through pictures of “grotesque” masks, costumes and worlds together.

Their sensory development will be supported through various “exploration” workshops: salt dough, corn, baskets of feathers and transferring confetti. The children will work with all materials and colours.

At the same time, culinary workshops will be organised on the theme. Rainbow muffins, clown cakes, banana or raspberry pancakes, a rainbow cake, etc, loads of colours for our young eyes and lots of sweet treats for our young palates.

Their social side and the group spirit will be developed as we make mini piñatas hanging from the ceiling so they can create an explosion of colour.

Finally, in order to develop the children’s **imaginative play**, we will help the children to recreate parades and costumes with fabrics and cushions, so we can have fun, make believe and enjoy being together.

Scheduled for February 2020 for the big kids section:

The theme for the big kids this February will be “the Carnival and its colours”.

Red, yellow and blue, we will mix these primary colours to discover the magic of **secondary colours** using bottles with two colours inside that make others once shaken.

When you think of colours, you think of rainbows. We will paint them **all together** for a moment all about sharing, young hands at work and creating a **feeling of belonging** to the group; we will then eat colours in a rainbow of **delicious** Smarties arranged on a cake or pancakes made by the big kids during the **culinary workshop**; we will also sort colours during a **cognitive exercise** to create sets, which will develop our **association, mathematics and categorising skills**; then Carnival colours: pictures books and books on the theme to **stimulate their sight, hearing and cognitive skills**, as well as **party music** to improve their **rhythm and hearing**; finally, a fancy dress parade to improve their **social skills**.

Making masks and sticking confetti will help support and improve our **manual and sensory skills and our spatial organisation**.

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Finally, to improve our **range of movements** and to play with colours again, we will help the children play Twister (along with our psychomotor trails), where we will focus on **patience, following the rules and holding your position**.

Scheduled for February 2020 for the nursery school section:

This February for the nursery school section will focus around this month's events: Candlemas and the Carnival.

The children will be encouraged to talk in front of the group to improve their **language** skills and to build their **self-confidence** and their recognition of others, all of which will be done as we come back from the weekend with the help of our Mascot "Petit Loup".

Their **language skills** will also be developed thanks to our picture books, books and stories on Carnivals in foreign places.

During the Carnival celebration, dances and songs will be organised, so each child has the chance to parade in their costume and have fun with confetti, which will strengthen our **group spirit and sense of belonging**.

During the culinary workshops, we will make Candlemas pancakes and traditional carnival biscuits (**stimulating their senses, taste and smell**).

Given that children **play a leading role in their education**, we will encourage their **scientific side and observation** by playing with different sized pancakes, by developing their team spirit and by listening to where ingredients come from.

Their **fine motor skills** will be improved thanks to little workshops on circular lines (pancakes and confetti), as well as on making different decorative items and some with playdough and its tools.

Our **artistic and creative** spirit will be stimulated by customising a photo on the theme of the Carnival and by making colourful masks, harlequins and a kitchen apron.

Finally, we will pay great attention to their **independence** in their everyday actions, so the children can feel capable and proud of their skills.

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