

## MARIE-LOUISE NURSERY

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### *Scheduled for February 2020 – Babies Section*

Continuing our educational programme, our team of nursery carers will stimulate the children's development through the **"five senses"** while helping them to discover their environment by offering suitable **sensory activities**. These activities will take various formats and will focus on one or several senses at the same time.

This month, the nursery carers will offer the children various activities: **sensory** and **handling** activities (touch discovery activities: different textures, hot and cold sensory discovery, a sticking and unsticking handling activity, mess-free painting, sensory trays, sensory laundry baskets, sensory cubes, discovering rolls of toilet paper, etc). What's more, the **ball pool**, **scarf games**, **massages** and **psychomotor** courses will allow the children to understand their body better spatially and to discover new sensations. Wonder will also be part of class as we offer the children **story time sessions** and **songs**.

Given the importance of free play and free exploration of the environment in the children's development, they will also be provided with suitable toys and games for their age: rattles, musical instruments, toy cars, books, pull-along toys, abacuses, spinning tops, scarves, animal stacking games, tea sets, etc.

During the weekly **culinary discovery activity**, this month, the children will get the chance to discover **fresh mint** and **bay leaves**.

The **Workshop** will continue to be set up by Valentina, who will come to the nursery at least once a week to offer the children a special moment of artistic discovery and wonder.

The **Gymboree** workshop will also take place once a month.

## ***Scheduled for February 2020 – Toddlers Section***

All throughout February, the educational team will offer the children the chance to discover the themes of **colours and the Carnival**.

The children will get the chance to discover the theme through **picture books**. Various activities will be offered: **creative activities** (making a Carnival mask, cutting out shapes with plasticine, the Harlequin, multicoloured doodles, the juggling clown, colouring in, etc), **reading books, activities to stimulate language** (word boxes, vocabulary and picture books, etc), **fine motor skills and handling activities** (handling plasticine, etc), or **logical reasoning activities** (the clown puzzle, sorting caps depending on their colour, colour symmetry, memory activities, sorting objects according to their colour, etc), **musical education activities** (discovering musical instruments as well as quiet and loud sounds), **imaginative play** (dressing up dolls, driving games, the puppet game, etc) and **construction activities** (building a Lego tower, etc).

Alongside this theme, and taking into account the importance of free play in their development, the children will be offered various games, such as construction games (Kapla, Lego, blocks, etc), imaginative play (dolls, tea sets, etc), board games (puzzles, etc), dressing up, musical instruments, etc.

During the **culinary activity** this month, our young chefs will get the chance to make some **red pancakes**, a **feta sandwich**, some **croque-monsieurs** and some **green shortbread**.

The weekly **psychomotor activity** will help the children stimulate their motor skills development and their understanding of space and social interaction.

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The **Gymboree** workshop will also take place once a month.

## ***Scheduled for February 2020 – School Section***

This February, the children will get the chance to discover the theme of **emotions** in particular by reading two books: **“La couleur des émotions”** (the Colour Monster) and **“Gaston la licorne”** (Gaston the unicorn).

Various activities will be offered by the educational team: **discovering the theme** (through picture books, introducing different emotions: joy, anger, fear, sadness, etc), **activities to stimulate language** (reading books, discussing “How do I feel today?”, etc), various **creative**

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**activities** (making bottles of emotions, creating different emotional monsters, making a board of emotions, etc), **artistic activities** (painting with straws, etc), **imaginative play, group games and logical reasoning games** (the monster creation game, etc).

Alongside these activities, and given the importance of free play for the children's development, they will be offered various games, such as **construction games** (Kapla, Lego, blocks, etc), **imaginative play** (tea sets, dolls, puppets, etc), **board games** (puzzles, logical games, shape sorting games, etc), as well as suitable books for their age.

The weekly **psychomotor activity** will allow the children to improve their coordination and to understand their body better spatially and social interaction. This month, the psychomotor activities will also involve discovering and stimulating the 5 senses.

During the **culinary activity** this month, our young chefs will get the chance to make some **bruschetta**, a **pavlova**, a **quiche** and a **birthday cake**.

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The **Gymboree** workshop will also take place once a month.