



April Newsletter

Pre-School Room

The children in Pre-School have been learning about People who help us, including learning about the emergency services. We enjoyed making police badges and played police officers in the small world area. We were very lucky to have a visit from one of the mums who is a police officer who showed us all of the equipment she uses. We put out pretend fires in the tuff tray using spray bottles, this activity helps develop fine motor skills. We also role played a hospital and helped to make our friends better. We learnt about taking care of our teeth and the importance of brushing our teeth. We learnt about taking care of our eyes and another mum who is ophthalmologist came and gave us a talk on the different parts of the eye.

Toddler Room

The Toddler Room have been learning about Insects and Bugs. They have learnt about different insects through bug hunts outside. We have learnt about spiders through creating spiders with forks and played with spaghetti worms. We have developed our mathematical skills through playing matching pairs games and we have developed our fine motor skills through using tweezers to pick up toy bugs. We have used our creative skills to create collage ladybirds. We have also enjoyed singing lots of rhymes.

Baby Room

The babies have learning about On the farm . They have learnt the names of farm animals and the sounds they make through singing songs and looking at books. This type of activity helps to develop a child's reading skills.

We have also had fun in the water washing the farm animals. We have enjoyed exploring the tuff tray that had lots of different sensory items grown on farms in such as oats and weetabix. We have enjoyed hiding the animals and finding them to play peekaboo. .

Important Dates

Good Friday 4th April

Easter Monday 6th April

Vaisakhi April 14th April

Saint George's Day 23rd April

Book & Rhyme of the month

Next Month

During April the **pre-school** room children will be reading the book "Hello Spring" by Jo Lindley.

Toddler Room will be reading "Yucky Worms" by Vivienne French.

The **Baby** room will be singing the rhyme "Baa Baa Black Sheep"

Celebrating Sam's Success!

We're delighted to share that Sam has officially passed the NDNA Maths Champions course — a fantastic achievement that reflects real dedication and a passion for supporting children's early mathematical development.

The Maths Champions programme is designed to strengthen practitioners' confidence and skills in delivering high-quality maths experiences for the whole setting.

This is a brilliant milestone, and we're incredibly proud of the enthusiasm Sam brings to helping children build strong foundations in numeracy. Well done, Sam — your hard work is already making a difference

A Reminder of the Illness & Medication Procedures

A quick reminder of the exclusion procedures for illnesses that all families sign and agree to when joining our setting. These procedures which apply to all nurseries help us keep every child safe and prevent the spread of illness. We appreciate that managing work alongside childcare can be challenging, but we also have a duty of care and must follow strict regulations to protect all the children and staff.

Antibiotics:

Children must stay home for **24 hours** after the first dose. This allows time to monitor for any adverse reactions. Please inform us whenever your child starts a course of antibiotics, even if they won't need to be given the medication while at nursery.

Pain Relief:

If your child has had Calpol, Nurofen, or any pain relief for a temperature overnight or before arriving they cannot attend. These medicines can mask symptoms of more serious illness and so children need to be fully well before returning.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our nursery community safe and healthy.

Birthdays

Eden 6th Dylan 27th

Mabel 6th Harry 28th

Arlo C 9th

Hallie 16th

Emilia 25th

Sunny Weather

Now that the weather is getting sunnier and warm please could we ask that you bring sun cream and a named sun hat to leave at nursery because we do like to play outside in all weathers. Unfortunately if your child does not have the sun cream or a sun hat they will be unable to play outside on sunny days.



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Things to do at home this month

Pre-School

The children in the Pre-School room are going to be learning about Spring. Here are some activities that you could join in with at home:

Create a Bug Hunt Checklist by drawing simple pictures of bugs (ladybird, worm, butterfly, ant). Your child can tick them off as they spot them in the garden or park.

Plant a Sunflower- Let your child fill a pot with soil, plant a seed, and water it.

They can check its growth each day and talk about what plants need to grow, developing their Understanding of the world.

Spring Colour Hunt- Give your child a colour card (yellow, green, pink, blue).

Ask them to find objects around the house or garden that match.

Toddler room

The Toddler Room are going to be learning about Spring . You can join in at home through the following activities:

A nature treasure hunt - go for a walk and look for items to create a simple picture such as leaves, twigs and petals.

Flower Printing - Use cut potatoes, sponges, or even the ends of celery to dip in paint and make flower shapes. This is a brilliant way to develop fine motor skills.

Planting Cress or Beans -Cress grows quickly, which is perfect for children to watch growing.

Children can help sprinkle seeds and check them each day, developing their Understanding of the World.

Baby Room

The Babies are also going to be focusing on Spring. Here are some activities that could join in with at home:

Spring Sensory Bags - Fill a zip-seal bag with a little water, flower petals or artificial flowers and a few drops of food colouring. Tape it to the floor or highchair tray for safe, squishy exploration.

Seed-Shaker Bottles - Fill an empty bottle with dried lentils, pasta, or birdseed. This activity supports your child's sensory development.

Rainy-Day Window Watching - Sit together by a window and watch the rain, clouds, or birds and talk about what you see .This activity is perfect for early language development.

Mini Bird's Nest Treats

What you need:

Shredded wheat or cornflakes
Melted chocolate (or melted white chocolate for a "spring" look.
Mini eggs or raisins

What to do:

1. Crush the cereal slightly and mix with melted chocolate.
2. Spoon into cupcake cases and make a small dip in the middle.
3. Add mini eggs or raisins as "eggs".
4. Chill in the fridge until set.

Next Month

During May the children in **Pre School** will be reading the story "Tiddler" by Julia Donaldson.

The **Toddler Room** will be reading the story "Superworm" by Julia Donaldson.

The **Baby Room** will be singing "Five Little Ducks".

Five Little Ducks.

Five little ducks went swimming one day, over the hill and far away. Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack," But only four little ducks came back. Four little ducks went out one day. Over the hill and far away. Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack," But only three little ducks came back. Three little ducks went out one day, Over the hill and far away. Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack," But only two little ducks came back. Two little ducks went out one day, Over the hill and far away. Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack," But only one little duck came back. One little duck went out one day, over the hill and far away. Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack," But none of the five little ducks came back. Sad mother duck went out one day, Over the hill and far away. Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack," And all of the five little ducks came back.