

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to the arrival of Spring and the evenings are finally getting lighter. The Yellow Dot Bus has been very busy taking our children out and about exploring. The children have been to Itchen Valley Country Park and Manor Farm. They have also been catching the train to the Airport to watch the planes come and go.

The Kindergarten children have been visiting Fleming House Care Home where the children have played board games with the residents and showed them our Boogie Mites sessions. This has been so beneficial for the children and the residents really look forward to our visits.

World Book Day was a great success on 1st March, the children dressed up as their favourite book character and brought in their favourite books to share. The children should have received a book token on the day, let me know if you need one.

We have Turtles in our Parents Room that Megan from our Toddler Room has brought in. All the children have taken it in turns to come and visit the Turtles and they have been watching videos of Turtles in their natural environment and doing observational drawings. Please feel free to take your child in to see them when you drop off or pick up.

Kind Regards

Jo Hogan

Nursery Manager



Fundraising

In April we will be raising funds for our sister Nursery in Kisumu, Kenya. The Nursery will turn into a Jungle once more as we raise money to support the children and in turn their learning and development. We will be looking at other cultures to help our children understand how different people live. Your support as always is great appreciated.

Diary Dates

- **Thursday 1st March**
World Book Day dress your child as their favourite book character.
- **Friday 2nd March**
Kindergarten to dress up for World Book Day.
- **11th March**
Mothers Day
- **17th – 23rd March**
Sports Relief
- **30th March & 1st April**
Nursery Closed for the Bank Holiday

Babies

This month the Babies will be continuing our focus on using our senses and getting creative. Our display boards have been split in half; one half reflects family life and the other reflects the experiences the Babies will be exploring throughout the week. We will be supporting the children's physical development through these experiences. We have sent a message to all the parents asking them to bring in family photos to go on the board. We have our sand tray back so we will be exploring that using different objects and containers for filling and emptying.



Toddlers

This month, the main focus in the Toddler Room has been animals. The parents have been sending in pictures of their pets at home on Tapestry and bringing in their favourite animal books to share with their friends. This animal provocation stemmed from the trip to Manor Farm. Megan has also brought in her Turtles in from home for the children to observe. The Team have created an animal corner with animal puzzles, books, and puppets. We have used clay alongside the animals for the children to create animal foot prints. We have also been planting plants in the garden to add life, knowledge and beauty.



Transition

The Transition children have been learning about Chinese New Year. We had one of our parents come in to explain how they celebrate this at home. We are also beginning to get creative in anticipation of Mothers Day with interesting discussions surrounding Spring and flowers. We are taking advantage of the lovely sunny weather we have been having and visiting our third space; our community, discovering places where we can look at different types of flowers.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten have witnessed a few flakes of snow in the air, and to say the children were excited is an understatement. Therefore, this month our main provocation has been cold/winter/ice. We have been filling various containers with water to leave out over night for it to freeze and add to our builder's tray that we've made into a Winter Wonderland. The addition of a castle as well as our home made ice has given the children a small world activity to provoke their imagination further. We also made snow dough to use as a malleable material with some natural objects. Winter hunts have provoked curiosity with some tick sheets of different Winter related items for them to find in the roof top garden and park with the binoculars and telescopes they made last week.

