



Dear Families,

**Updates:**

Sadly Lauren has decided to leave us and try a new challenge. We are actively recruiting for more team. May was Growing Gardeners month and the veggie patches are looking very healthy – with pumpkins, potatoes, radishes, beetroot and carrots. May flew by! We have had a lot of improvements in and around the nursery and we had some very special visitors – the ducklings!

**Discovery Day:**

We will be having another Discovery Day on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We would like to welcome you all to come and chat with the room managers and we will run a 'Ready to School' theme in Kindergarten and we will be running a Father's Day themed Den Building session, providing refreshments. Please join us from 9am-12pm.

**Looking ahead:**

The weather has been very kind and we are now monitoring the UV levels. We would appreciate your support in applying sun cream before coming to nursery and we will then reapply throughout the day. Please dress appropriately, with hats, closed-toed, supportive shoes and plenty of spare clothes for extra messy outdoor play.

Kind regards

*Amanda Marsden*

Nursery Manager

## Fundraising

We will be celebrating National Pink Day. We will raise money for the Bright Horizons Bright Spaces Foundation. Please dress your children in pink and donate £1. We will make pink cakes and biscuits which will be available to buy on the day – please feel free to bake and bring to add to the collection.

## Diary Dates:

- June 7<sup>th</sup> – National Doughnut Day
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Donald Duck Day
- June 15<sup>th</sup> – Discovery Day/Father's Day Den Building
- June 16<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> – National Pink Day



### Babies and Toddler Blue

Babies have been exploring and having sensory experiences. We installed our sensory garden area, lots of singing and movement and looking at language development. In the sensory garden we explored digging in soil and scooping with different containers. We also enjoyed lots of water play. In June, babies will look at Summer, sun safety, playing in the garden and Summer songs.

Toddler Blue loved caring for the ducklings. They made games to play with plastic ducks too. Throughout May Toddler Blue enjoyed bird watching with binoculars, picnics in the garden and lots of music and movement. In June we will look at Summer and holidays including sun safety and packing for holidays.



### Toddlers

May saw lots of activities on animals. We enjoyed holding and learning about the ducklings and teaching them to swim. The toddlers have been enjoying A Squash and a Squeeze, recreating the story and predicting storylines. We explored animal prints using paint and ink pads. We also used animals in our tap tap box – talking about different noises and using Makaton signs for animals. In June, we are focusing on gardening and mini beasts. We will be using magnifying glasses on bug hunts and caring for our vegetable patches.

### Transition

Transition have enjoyed learning about how seeds grow. They grew courgettes and cress from seeds, watching them closely and watering them. We also planted some different seedlings in the garden and have been cultivating our radishes, beetroot and carrots in the veggie patch. In June we will be focusing on story bags for language development, bucket time for social and emotional development and shapes by exploring shapes in the environment.

### Kindergarten

Over the month of May we have been learning about life cycles and habitats. We have been modifying our small world station to expand the children's interests and to begin building habitats for our creatures. We have also been exploring animals and their Makaton signs through small groups exploring story sacks.. Throughout the month of June we will be introducing the woodwork bench to our play and will begin looking at risk management and problem solving how best to keep ourselves safe as we play. We hope to eventually evolve this space to the point where we can safely build our own creations with the wood and nails.

