

Dear Families,



Welcome to our April Newsletter. We have been really busy in March, inside and outside exploring the dramatic changes in weather. The snow came **twice** to try and ambush us, but the team and children rose to the occasion. With all of our wellies, waterproofs and nice warm hats, scarves and gloves, we explored the snow talking about how it felt and how cold it was. It was a great opportunity to learn new language and to experience something new.

After the snow had melted it left lots of mud for us to explore too, using our whole bodies where possible. We had children exploring the puddles with their hands and feet. We had others barefoot in the mud, they explored the new textures by scrunching up their toes and watching the mud squelch between them. The older Babies chose to walk through the thick, oozy mud in their wellies.

We would love to see photo's of all of the lovely things you do at home as a family. It is great for the children to talk about them with us, and to show their friends too, so please can you upload any photo's of outings or special occasions to your child's Tapestry account. If you are having problems accessing your account or have any questions please speak to me in the office.



Best wishes

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Provocations Exploring Our Outdoor Environment

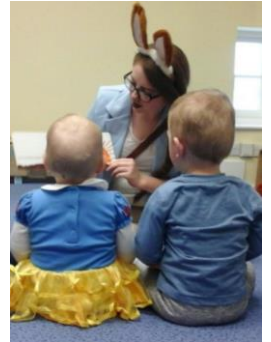


Diary Dates

- **Nursery Closed**
2nd April
- **Duck Eggs Arriving**
23rd April
- **Africa Week**
16-20th April
- **African Drumming**
26th April
- **Parent Consultations**
Babies W/C 9th April
Transition W/C 16th April
Toddlers W/C 23rd
Kindergarten W/C 30th April
- **Photographer at Nursery**
16th May

Babies

The Babies had a lovely day for World Book Day, dressing up as some of their favourite book characters and listening to the Team reading lots of lovely stories. They have been exploring the mud in the garden too! sitting and collecting leaves from the mud and scrunching them up in their hands. They spent a full hour out in the mud, and the Babies seemed disappointed when they had to come inside for tea!



Toddlers

Toddlers have been busy investigating different activities that encouraged them to use their arms and hands this month. They used different tools such as screwdrivers to screw different nuts and bolts together and tried to create new items. They have also been mark making using different sized paper, crayons and pencils, sometimes at the table and sometimes on the floor to encourage them to use different muscles.



Transition

The children in Transition have been looking at different plants and flowers to try and learn more about them. They have been out to the Garden Centre to see how many different types there are and have been using their hands and eyes to explore them all. They even had a go at drawing some Daffodils talking about the colours they were using, the shapes they were drawing and counting the leaves and amount of flowers in the vases.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been really lucky and had some tadpoles arrive at the Nursery this month. They have used them to learn all about the lifecycle of the frog and have had some amazing conversations about it all. They have also been using different items in the garden to explore how water travels. They had lots of fun making different ramps for it to go down different levels. A great way to explore lots of mathematical concepts.

