

Dear Families,



Chinese New Year

Welcome to our March Newsletter, can you believe it is March already!

February was a very busy month for us at the Nursery. We spent lots of time out in the garden (on the days that the sunshine made an appearance) and inside mark making, creating fun and playing games with our friends. We celebrated with our loved ones for Valentines Day and learnt about Chinese New Year, trying new foods and talking about how they celebrate with family and friends.

World Book Day is on Thursday March 7th and we are looking forward to seeing all of the children dressed up as their favourite book character. The Team will be dressing up too!

Our menu has changed and the children are getting used to the new recipes. We now have 4 weekly menus instead of 3 meaning a little more variety, and the meals are scrummy!

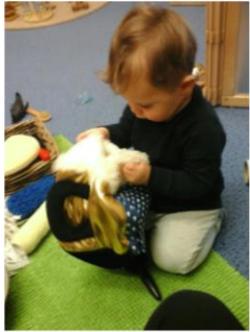
As you should all have heard by now, I am sadly moving on to a new Nursery, my last day will be Thursday 18th April. I will be working in the baby room at a Nursery in Romsey and will miss everyone terribly.

We are happy to welcome back Rachel Baker who will be working in all of the rooms helping us to cover team lunches.

Best wishes

Louise Walker
Nursery Manager





Babies

This month, Babies have been exploring Chinese New Year, tasting different foods and exploring the tough tray (pictured on front page). They have been filling and emptying containers with our heuristic objects and bags too which is a simple way to get them to explore. They also explored different pink and red paint with heart shaped cutters for Valentines Day.



Toddlers

In February, Toddlers have been exploring the animals and the new farm set. We have been singing "Old MacDonald" using the puppets, looking at animal books and using the blocks to build homes for the animals. We have also been doing Valentine's painting using heart shaped printers and exploring water play and boats too.



Transition

Transition have continued this month with their fairy tale theme. They talked more about Goldilocks and the 3 Bears and in particular, size (using chairs), describing words (using porridge) and recall, getting them to tell the story back. The children talked about Chinese New Year, making dragon masks and lanterns and painting our own symbols, and made Valentines hearts for people who are special to them.



Kindergarten

February has been a creative month for Kindergarten. They had some amazing donations of junk modelling materials (boxes, pots and cartons) which enabled them to create masterpieces! Thank you so much to all of the parents who bought things in. They were inspired to create babies beds, dragons and so much more. They showed off their painting skills too working really hard on art work of sunflowers.

