

Dear Families,



It was great to see so many of you at the Parent Consultations and I hope you found them beneficial. I also hope you enjoyed the Easter break and had some great family time.

We have recently received more things from home via Tapestry. Remember you can add things which the Team can see and the children can then share with each other!

Thank you for your understanding whilst the garden works have been happening. The children have had a great time exploring the local community more whilst on their outings and its perfect with the seasonal changes at the moment.

We are very excited to have ducklings arriving this month and cannot wait to share the experiences with you. Luckily Becky Horn has offered to babysit them for the weekend too so they will be well looked after.

Over the next few weeks there will be some forms to sign as our paperwork changes. This includes new photo permission forms so we can ensure everything is updated as we love to share on social media! Please speak to us if you have any questions.

We still have some extra sessions available as well as some spaces at Early Bird if you need to drop off at 7:45am, please just let me know.

Enjoy the May Bank Holiday and the super Spring weather.

Best wishes

Becky McFarlane

Nursery Manager

Outings



Dates for your Diary

- **Bank Holidays we are closed**
Monday 6th May and
Monday 27th May
- **Kindergarten Graduation**
9th August at 2:30pm

Babies

We have been looking at the season of Spring through a variety of mark making activities and sensory experiences. We froze colourful Spring flowers in blocks of ice so the children could see the flowers up close and feel the cold texture of the ice. Towards the end of the month we introduced the Babies to the celebration of Easter! They used bright paints and a variety of sponges and rollers to make their Easter cards. We will also be having a treasure hunt in the garden! During May the Nursery will be getting some new duckling friends. We will be helping to care for the ducklings as well as using Nursery Rhymes, sensory play and outdoor walks to help us take a closer look at nature.



Toddlers

Toddlers are well under way with their Spring provocation. We planted our own cress seeds at the start of the provocation and have enjoyed watching them grow each day, making sure they are watered. The children have enjoyed ice play, puppets and lots of new stories, not forgetting our seasonal walks in the outdoor environment to see the different colour flowers. We have spent a lot of time focusing on Toddlers use of single words by naming the different animals. And extended this by encouraging the children to make the different animal sounds for each animal, and have been looking at the concept of big and small. We are continuing to enjoy Nursery Rhymes and dancing, especially our new Spring songs and learning the new actions!



Transition

Transition have been exploring Spring and bright colours. The children have planted their own sunflowers inside pots they have decorated, and are eager to watch them grow. Some of the children took a trip to the park where we played in the sun and had some fun races. We have been exploring Spring colours inspired by the plants growing in the garden. The children have created some fantastic coloured paintings and collages. We have also been looking at the artist Kandinsky and creating our own Kandinsky inspired collages and drawings. The children have recently been enjoying learning the actions and words to Spring songs and are getting very good at them! We look forward to expanding our understanding of the changes that Spring brings and will be learning more about the weather and seasonal animals.



Kindergarten

We have continued to explore Spring through many exciting activities and provocations. We spent time observing the weather and now understand that it can be both rainy and sunny, warm and cold at this time of year. We were lucky enough to see a rainbow which led us to recreating our own using loose parts, paint and mixed media. We have practised our pencil grip and mark making skills by adding patterns to eggs, flowers and butterflies. And used our Spring theme to create mixing potions, learning about colour changing. We were lucky enough to experience holding a real birds nest and used our own feathers and resources to create our own!

