

Dear Families,



Spring has sprung in our Yellow Dot Garden as we say goodbye to the Wintery fun we had and welcome the new growth in our garden and in our community.

During March the children enjoyed the snowy weather which brought much curiosity and excitement to us all, sparking those precious imaginations. The children had a wonderful time exploring the snow through their senses and used the snow to make patterns and form shapes, especially those spherical shapes for snowball throwing!

The children have now become busy planting seeds and bulbs in our planting beds. The children have become very knowledgeable about what our seeds may need to flourish and grow and have been predicting what might happen next.

Mothers Day was a time the children felt great excitement and love, designing their own beautiful cards and thinking about what designs and drawings their mummy's may like led to some wonderful discussions

Best wishes

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Nursery Manager



Taking Risks

Risky play is a natural part of children's play, and children often seek out opportunities for engaging in challenging and so called risky play. Risky play can be defined as a thrilling and exciting activity that involves a risk of physical injury, and play that provides opportunities for challenge, testing limits, exploring boundaries and learning about injury risk. When children are given a chance to engage freely in adventurous play they quickly learn to assess their own skills and match them to the demands of the environment.

Dates for your diary

- **Parent Consultations**
Please speak to your child's Key Person to Arrange a date.
- **Easter Sunday**
Sunday 1st April
- **World Heath Day**
Saturday 7th April
- **St Georges Day**
Monday 23rd April
- **Africa Week**
Week Commencing 23rd April

Babies

It was so lovely to see so many of our mummies for our Mothers Day Stay and Play. It was wonderful to share those special moments together and to see so many smiles. During March the children have enjoyed exploring soil, enhancing their senses and using tools to plant those tiny seeds. Exploring soil play led the children onto other resources like sand, water, rice and gloop which they used to fill, pour and empty. This month we look forward to exploring all things Spring like, observing the changes and welcoming our duck eggs, which will of course will bring lots of excitement across the Nursery.



Toddlers

The children have been busy making their mummy's smile by creating lovely cards which we hope you will treasure. We have been enjoying playing in our wonderful sandpit building sandcastles and stamping on them. The weather has brought such interest as we played in the snow and felt the different textures of the fluffy snow and hard ice, talking about how it felt. Moving into the wonderful season of Spring, we can not wait to celebrate Easter and all those yummy delights.



Transition

March began with the celebration of World Book Day with the children and Team dressed up as book characters and sharing favourite stories. We also enjoyed exploring the snow, touching it, watching it fall and of course playing in it. We have been out and about in our local environment and amongst our community and used 'Stop! Look! Listen!' to cross the road. We have also enjoyed visiting the Library to choose books all about Spring and growing and have been enjoying a familiar woodland walk which brings opportunities for risky play climbing trees and looking out for those first signs of Spring.



Kindergarten

We were very proud to share our experiences of Mother's Day with all our lovely Mummies, we certainly enjoyed making scones and loved the jam and cream. We hope it made you smile. As Spring continues to blossom we will help the children to follow and observe what is going on around us and how our environment, wildlife and plants change. We will also be looking forward to all things Easter and the chocolate it brings. We look forward to exploring the bluebell woods and what nature has to offer as well as caring for our new duck eggs. Excitement ahead!

