



Dear Families,

Spring is springing it's way into Yellow Dot and we welcome this wonderful time of the year as the children start to explore this colourful and bright season.

Our superb Nursery garden has been an opportunity to see the season begin to change. The children take a natural interest in gardening and growing and this curiosity has led them to planting and finding out more about what is needed to makes seeds and bulbs grow.

We are looking forward to sharing our artistic and beautiful Mothers Day creations. Together we have talked about what makes our Mummies special to us.

The children here are looking forward to hopping into Easter and discovering Easter traditions. They will enjoy using their senses to heighten the celebrations and talk about what Easter brings, especially the chocolate!

Best wishes

Kim Doubell

Nursery Manager



Makaton

Can help with frustration – a baby or young child might want to express how they feel but don't yet know the words to say it instead they can say through basic sign. This can also help reduce stress which in turn helps with tantrums.

Helps with speech development – Makaton helps by giving an extra clue to the spoken word, it can be used as a bridge to the word they are trying to say.

Many babies that learn Makaton from early on, actually use it as a way to communicate before they can speak. Some experts say that it has psychological benefits such as improved confidence as well as improved self-esteem. Makaton can also promote bonding as it encourages eye to eye contact when you use it to communicate.

Dates for your Diary

- **Parent Consultations during April**
Please speak to your child's Key Person to arrange.
- **Bank Holiday Closures**
19th April and 22nd April

Babies

Babies have been looking out for early signs of Spring in our garden and whilst out on walks. Together we have been discovering what animals are born in Spring and discovering beautiful seasonal colours through painting. We are looking forward to inviting our very special Mummies into the Nursery to share our love to them for Mothers Day. Our children have also been developing the use of Makaton and have been learning new songs and signs.



Toddlers

Following on from World Book Day week we have been enjoying the famous story the of "The Gruffalo". We have been making stick puppets with the snake, mouse and fox for the story which the children decorated. We have also been painting with sticks. The Toddlers have been doing really well with their counting and mathematical knowledge and have enjoyed using our number crates finding objects and matching them to the numbers. As Spring has sprung, we have been exploring different flowers and look forward to planting some seeds.



Transition

Transition children have been little master chiefs this month and have been enjoying following recipes, weighing ingredients and of course eating and tasting the flavours. We have also been discovering our wonderful Spring garden as we begin to plant seeds and observe the changes around us. As we move in to April we will also celebrate Easter and all of those family traditions we all enjoy.



Kindergarten

The children have been developing their creative skills through observational painting of flowers. The children take a great interest in being creative in their own ways and enjoy the freedom they have to develop being creative. The children enjoyed their little adventure to the Garden Centre to collect seeds and plant to welcome Spring to our garden. During April we will plan to plant vegetables, learn how to care for them and hopefully harvest them to cook with. This will give us opportunity to talk about healthy foods and why they importance to eat for bodies.

