

Dear Families,

Welcome to our May newsletter. The weather has been very warmly welcomed here at Yellow Dot and will help all our plants, flowers and vegetables grow. Our well loved garden is showing off its beautiful bright colours of blossom and different shades of green leaves.

We will be paying careful attention to the fruit and vegetable seeds and bulbs we have planted and look forward to watching the changes and eventually enjoying eating the produce.

We hope you all had a lovely Easter and enjoyed spending time with family friends and making memories and of course eating lots of chocolate treats.

Look out for our arrival

Best wishes

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Gardening

In this electronic age, kids need time for meaningful family connection. Time in the garden allows for team building and promotes communication skills. Planning a garden, planting the seeds and watching them grow give kids a sense of purpose and responsibility. Making sure that the plants get enough fertilizer, water and sun fosters mindfulness. The concepts learned while gardening, like composting food scraps for fertilizer or using gathered rainwater, can show kids a deep respect and responsibility for taking care of our planet.

Studies show that when children have contact with soil during activities like digging and planting, they have improved moods, better learning experiences.

Dates

6th May 2019 – Bank
Holiday nursery closed

27th May 2019 – Bank
Holiday nursery closed

Babies

Babies have been enjoying the Easter festivities as we enjoyed singing our Easter and Spring songs. We also discovered the shape of an egg and created lots of creative painting by printing with an shape. This led us to learning about other shapes too as well as introducing those early stages of mathematical language. During May we will continue to enjoy our garden in the sunny weather and going on walks to explore our community. The Babies will be fascinated by the arrival of the duckling eggs too I'm sure.



Toddlers

In the month of April the Toddlers have been discovering life cycles, talking about different sized bugs and insects. We have really enjoyed the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", talking about what he ate and how he became a beautiful butterfly. In the garden we have been going on bug hunts discovering life, knowledge and beauty. During May we are excited to welcome the duckling eggs which we will observe with excitement waiting for them to hatch. We are also going to investigate how nests are made by birds, we plan to collect sticks to create our own nests.



Transition

Transition children have been enjoying the Spring weather and the sunny days in the garden. They loved becoming creative and making special Easter cards for their families. We also enjoyed the chocolate and made lovely egg nests. This time of year brings such fantastic learning opportunities as we began to discover and learn about life cycles. We are going to observe the changes not only in the weather but the cycles of a caterpillar and duckling eggs as together we learn what these creatures need.



Kindergarten

In April, Kindergarten have been looking at Spring and Space. We have talked about and created planets and star constellations. For Spring we have looked at growth and change, some of us went to Brambridge Garden Centre looking for signs of Spring and bought plants and seeds to watch grow. We also look forward to observing the vegetable patch, understand how to care for the plants and what they need to grow. In May we will be continuing to sing our Spring songs and discover life cycles in creatures. The children are very excited to welcome the duckling eggs which bring such joy to the Nursery.

