

Spring term Newsletter 2023

Dear Parent/carers

We have had another busy term. Next term we will be thinking about transition to school for those of our children moving onto school in the Autumn. Thank you for all your support this term.

Staff training

- All staff will be doing training on safeguarding and prevent.
- Gemma and Laura have attended a SEND briefing.

Planning for chatterbox activities

Our chatterbox activities complement the termly topics we cover in the setting. You can find the chatterbox activities for this term at the end of the newsletter. We hope that all our parents will have a go at the activities with their children. We would love your feedback on the activities that we have planned for the chatterboxes e.g. too difficult, children enjoyed/didn't enjoy doing the activity etc.

Application for school places for August 2023

Please let us know which school your child will be going to so that we can send information about your child's development report to the school.

Please click on link to read the school readiness leaflet for parents.

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/field/pdf/2022/9/28/Ready-for-school-leaflet.pdf>

The summer term will focus on transition to school for children who will be starting school.

Children's clothes

Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

All children should also have a bag of spare clothes at nursery, and toileting items if they need it. We also ask that you provide nappy sacks for wet clothes etc. Please label all your children's clothes and bags. For ease in the cloakroom, **please could we ask that you send your child's things in a drawstring bag.**

Drawstring bags can be purchased from Nursery for £1.50.

Absences

Please ensure that you text the nursery on 07968412135 if your child is absent and send in an absence note on their return.

Please ensure that you supervise effective hand hygiene with your child to prevent the spread of infections.

Please note that if your child has a persistent cough, is running a temperature and due to illness is not feeling well and would require 1-1 with an adult then they should be kept at home.

Cost of living support

Click on the link to find out about available support.

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>



What have children been learning about during the Spring term?

Children began the term learning about taking care of others – they made cards for family/friends who were ill or needed cheering up.

Children made Valentines Day cards for people they loved and made a card for the residents of the care home we visited.

They learnt about food banks and collected food for our local food bank.

Children learnt about taking care of themselves – eating healthily, brushing teeth, taking vitamins.

Children brought in a book to share from home about caring for others.

Children dressed up/brought in their favourite book for World book day.

In the second half of the term children found out about how to take care of their environment indoors and outdoors.

Children learnt about the importance of tidying up, polishing, cleaning, washing up, recycling materials.

They weeded the planting area, planted seeds for sprouting. They looked at similarities and differences between dried peas and peas that had been soaked in water.

They learnt about trees and flowers and found out about what the different parts of each were called.

The children made Mother's Day cards and made an upcycled gift necklace. They learnt about Easter and made Easter cards and brought in an Easter bonnet that they made at home for the Easter bonnet parade.

Children had an Easter egg hunt and made hot cross buns and chocolate nests to take home.

Next term

The topic for next term will be about growing and Life Cycles. The children will also be finding out about the coronation of the King and Queen Consort.

Nursery Development Plan - working to play our part in the attainment of the UN Sustainable Development goals

Over the last two years the nursery has been working on educating children and making contributions on the different elements of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, to date we have been working on goals 1,2, 3 and 7, 10 and 15 through.

We encourage all families to join with us in reflecting on, and working towards, the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - the world's shared plan to



end extreme poverty, reduce inequality, and protect the planet by 2030.
<https://unfoundation.org/>

Your thoughts are important to us to help us to bring about change and to ensure that generations to follow take on the stewardship of our planet. If you would like to join a working group or would simply like to send us your views and help us to continue with the development of our plan please let us know. We welcome any suggestions you may have. You can either email us, write into us or ask to speak to us.

Events Spring term



1st March -Care home visit

2nd March -World Book Day



29th March-Easter Bonnet parade (morning)



Next term:

27th April – care home visit

8th June – super star sports session

Sports day and picnic date tbc

Summer Term 2023	
Mon 17 th April	Start of Term – Nursery opens
Mon 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 8 th May	Extra Bank holiday
29 th May to 2 nd June	Half Term
Fri 7 th July	End of Term - Nursery closes for Summer



Chatterbox activities Summer term 1 2023

This term we are looking at growing and life cycles. We will also be doing some work on the Coronation of the King



Week beginning April 17th

Do you have a book about gardens or flowers (fiction or non-fiction). Bring it in to share at story time.



Week beginning April 24th

What can you see growing in your garden/ plant container/park. Ask mum/dad to take a photo or help you to draw what you can see growing and post onto tapestry/bring into nursery. Do you have a favourite flower, what is it called?. Can you name the different parts of a flower? How long does a flower last?



Week beginning 02nd May

The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May, 2023.

The Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together, will take place across the country on the same date. On Monday, 8th May 2023, members of the public will be invited to take part in The Big Help Out, which will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas.

Can you think of something that you and your family can do to help others?



Week beginning 08th May

We will be finding out about famous artists who painted flowers and encouraging the children to create their own paintings of flowers. With your child look at some of the paintings of flowers by Van Gogh, Monet, O'Keefe, visit a museum and see if there are any paintings of flowers on display.



Week beginning 15th May

We will be looking at the butterfly life cycle this week. Have a look at images of a caterpillar or butterfly, looking closely at the colours and patterns and create your own caterpillar or butterfly- what materials will you use? Bring your creation to nursery.



Week beginning 22nd May



Go on a nature walk to an allotment/park/farm/wood/countryside. See if you can find some insects/animals etc in different life cycle stages e.g. caterpillars, tadpoles etc.



Week beginning 29th May

This is half term week. Lots of baby animals have been born in spring. Visit the countryside/farm. Did you see any baby animals?

Can you name the baby animal names for the following: duck, frog, sheep, chicken, horse, pig, cow,

What other baby animals can you name? Cut out pictures of animals and their babies and make a book to bring to nursery after the half term break.

