

Dear Families,



Welcome to our March newsletter. I am glad to say that, although it is still very cold, we are beginning to also see some welcome signs of Spring.

What a great turn out we had for our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Open Evening. Thank you to everyone that managed to attend. It was great to see you all. If you did not manage to come then please speak to a member of the Team who can share the information from the evening.

We had great 12th Birthday celebrations with a visit from a Mobile Farm. Babies and Toddlers were able to stroke and feed the animals while the children from Transition and Kindergarten were able to talk with Handlers about the animals as well as stroke them.

Over the last month we have been taking the children out on lots of trips. Children from all the rooms have had opportunities to get out into our community with the Babies even including a trip to the Farm.

I am really looking forward to World Book Day and seeing all the children dressed up as their favourite characters. Following this we will be fundraising for Sports Relief where we have a fun filled week planned. The children are going to be producing their own art work for the Yellow Dot North Baddesley Art Gallery. Our amazing Cook, Emma, is baking a cake which you will be able to win by guessing the weight. We also be organising a sponsored walk, mini sports day and sports dress up. Look out for the posters with all the details and which day we will be doing what.

Enjoy the spring as it comes.

Best wishes

Becky McFarlane
Nursery Manager



Out and About

Over the next 5 weeks we are lucky to be joined by Matt who will be here on Mondays to do Out and About sessions with the rooms. He has previously held Nature Nursery sessions with the children so some of them do know him already.

He will be taking small groups on children out with a Team member from the rooms to different places in the local area either on the Yellow Dot Bus or walking.

We are looking forward to sharing our experiences with you on Tapestry.

Dates for your Diary

- **World Book Day**
1st March 2018
- **Sports Relief (Red Nose Day)**
24th March 2018
- **Nursery Closed for Bank Holidays**
Friday 30th March & Monday 2nd April
- **Parent Consultations**
9th April 2018
- **Africa Week**
Week commencing 16th April
- **Photographer**
18th April 2018
- **Kindergarten Graduation**
At 2pm on 17th August 2018
- **Whole Nursery Cream Teas**
From 3pm on 17th August 2018

Babies

Over the last month the Babies have been very interested in animals, and have been learning some relevant Makaton signs to support their communication skills. We are currently learning the Makaton actions for 'Old McDonald Had A Farm' and most recently we have been discovering mini beasts. To help support this interest we have also been out exploring the community. We have been bird watching, looking for dogs at the Recreation Ground and have visited the Farm where we found new-born piglets.



Toddlers

Throughout February Toddlers have been exploring transport and vehicles. We have been to visit the North Baddesley Recreation Ground to see the different vehicles that have been helping with the building of the park. We have also been out and about on walks around North Baddesley to listen out for and spot different vehicles in the environment. The children have enjoyed playing with the trains and cars and the car garage, and we have also used the different vehicles in paint and playdough to see the patterns that they make. In March we will be moving on to exploring colours.



Transition

The children in Transition have been exploring feelings and what makes them feel happy, sad or angry. We have also explored Winter and different elements of this. The children had fun exploring the cold ice and finding hidden frozen treasure. Our provocation moved onto construction and building as the children were interested in building with different materials as well as the different vehicles they could find. They especially loved watching the digger at a house being built nearby which they saw on one of our walks.



Kindergarten

During February the Kindergarten children have been exploring Winter. They particularly enjoyed the story 'Stick Man' and have been making their own stick men with the sticks they found on a trip to Chilworth forest. We have been on Winter walks and also explored some of the different celebrations that happen at this time of year. We made our own pancakes with different toppings for Shrove Tuesday and explored Chinese New Year with paintings, making lanterns and listening to Chinese themed poems. Our next provocation is going to be Pirates as the children have been very interested in maps and making their own treasure maps. We will be having treasure hunts and creating our own small world adventures using sand and water. We will be sharing these experiences with the residents of the local Care Home on our Tuesday visits which the children are loving, especially when they share stories of their day with them.

