



Dear Families,

## Our Spring Experiences

Spring appears to be upon us and we are making the most of the glorious weather and getting outside as much as possible. The children are all getting excited at the prospect of seeing lambs in the fields and the Transition children have been watching for the bulbs they have planted to bloom.

I wish to welcome Lucie to Yellow Dot, Lucie has joined us as a Senior Nursery Nurse working in the Baby Room, I am sure you will all join us in making her feel welcome.

A gentle reminder about medications. We have recently had a number of families bringing in medicines for their children which we have been unable to administer for various reasons. We are able to administer prescribed medications *only* if they are given to us in the original packaging with the pharmacy label stating your child's name, dosage and date prescribed. Children also need to have been taking new medications for 24 hours before returning to Nursery. This is so they are able to be monitored for any adverse reaction. Please ask if you are at all unsure.

I also need to make you aware, we have children and Team with severe nut allergies which can be triggered by physical contact with even the tiniest amount of the allergen. We therefore ask you do not bring nuts in any form into the Nursery. If your child has nuts before Nursery – i.e. they have Nutella on their toast for breakfast or nuts in their cereal we ask you to ensure they have thoroughly washed their hands and brushed their teeth before coming in.

We thank you for your co-operation in both these area and hope you understand the reasons behind our requests.

Best wishes

Jennie Pethick

Nursery Manager



## Babies

This month the Babies have been exploring the end of Winter. Exploring paint in different ways through sticky back plastic, table painting, exploring paint with hands and fingers and making marks using the big rollers. They have explored textures with the sand and play dough. The Babies have really enjoyed doing lots of singing and using the finger puppets. We are introducing new songs for Springtime as the weather gets nicer. This month we will be exploring flowers and lots of water play and continuing to get very messy exploring new materials such as feathers for our creative activities.



## Toddlers

The Toddlers have had a wonderful month exploring and discovering ice and snow. They were all excited when it snowed at Nursery and had lots of fun exploring it in the garden. From this the children have been focusing on Winter and using it to get messy and creative. We have been exploring painting with coloured ice and watching it melt as they made the marks on the paper. As well as this the children have been exploring the texture of white glittery icy play dough and finding the Winter animals in it. The Toddlers have been practicing their climbing, balancing and jumping outside in the garden and have especially enjoyed going down the big slide. Now that we are moving into March we will be focusing on Spring, using our gardening skills and planting seeds and learning how things grow.



## Transition

Becky and Amy have enjoyed being back with Transition this month, seeing how much the children have grown and progressed since being in Babies and Toddlers! As we have been experiencing warmer weather, we have started to learn about Spring, by planting bulbs, cress seeds and learning how to let them grow, through lots of watering. We have also been looking at different flowers that appear at this time of the year, painting and drawing them from what they have seen growing in pots on the tables. We look forward to watching them grow over the coming weeks and months.



## Kindergarten

In February, Kindergarten have explored festivals and celebrations such as Chinese New Year. We tried some Chinese food, spring rolls, egg fried rice and prawn crackers which they all enjoyed. We also have been looking at our new song cards about penguins and robins and made penguins using toilet roll tubes. Kindergarten used their baking skills to make chocolate robin nests. We also made Valentines Day cards for our Mummies and Daddies. We have enjoyed longer games of football outside thanks to the warmer weather.

