



Dear Families,

We have certainly been enjoying the delights of the English weather, snow, rain and even some sun. Spring is just around the corner and we are happy to welcome it!

Welcome to Julie, our new Room Manager in Transition and Claire our new Nursery Assistant. There will be some changes in Kindergarten as we say goodbye to Shannon as she sets out on a new adventure and Kamila will start her maternity leave. Beekie will step in as Room Manager and Rhiannon will become the Senior Nursery Nurse. We are looking to hire a new Nursery Assistant. Congratulations to them and also to Sophie who has been promoted to Senior in Babies.

On Friday 22nd March we will host our first **Discovery Day**. Our theme is STEM and we will open our doors to prospective parents to show what a fabulous Team and Nursery we have. We will demonstrate our Growing Scientists through a range of age appropriate science and maths based activities. If any parents have an interest in science or maths and would like to participate, please contact me. We will have Ruth from Mini Professors to lend a very scientific hand!

March is a month of celebrations. We will be raising money for Red Nose Day by holding a Bake Sale and encouraging the children to dress up. Then March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day, remember those bright odd socks! We also have World Book Day, the Team are already getting competitive and each room will follow a theme and we encourage the children to get creative.

Kind regards

Amanda Marsden
Nursery Manager



Diary Dates & Fundraising

7th March World Book Day:

Come dressed as your favourite book character.

March 14th is Red Nose Day.

There will be a Bake Sale and children can dress up. All donations greatly received and will be split between Comic Relief and Bright Space. Please feel free to bring in your baked goods and buy the offerings.

We will be raising money on March 21st for World Down Syndrome Day

so please wear brightly coloured odd socks. Donations to Andover Twenty.1

22nd March Discovery Day

– we will be open to prospective parents with STEM themed activities. Speak to the team for more details.

Babies and Toddler Blue

Babies have had lots of fun exploring shiny objects and our reflections this month! We have begun to exploring our digging and scooping skills in the sand tray and plan to continue exploring lots of new and different textures next month.

Toddler Blue have been looking at animal habitats especially bears; picnics and bear hunts, which has led to looking at insects. We have also explored Maths through patterns in the form of peg boards and stacking blocks.

Toddlers

The Toddlers have been doing lots of exploring of animals this month. We have been looking at different animal markings and the different prints they make with their feet. We have been thinking about the different environments that the animals live in and if they like it to be hot or cold too. Within this we have been using our 'Dear Zoo' story board to look at distinguishing features of the animals in the story and the children will now tell the story to us with the help of the board. In the coming month we will be starting to look at what animals we may start to see this Springtime.

Transition

Transition have introduced new Winter themed songs on penguins and robins which has linked into their Winter provocation. They have been exploring ice and different weather including sun and fog, which inspired cloud pictures. They used Maths concepts to bake biscuits for Valentine's Day and have enjoyed the Library after it's reopening. We will wrap up the Winter theme by making vegetable soup. Then we look towards Spring, hopefully with picnics and lots of walks in the community. The children will also look into new life, seeds, growing and will explore the story of "The Three Little Pigs" by using junk modelling.

Kindergarten

Over the month of February Kindergarten have been exploring different cultures. We began by looking at Chinese New Year, trying Chinese food and snacks, and creating paper lanterns. The children have really enjoyed learning about other cultures and this has inspired our next provocation of Africa, which will be our focus in March. We will be investigating African instruments and music as well as using peg boards and finger painting to recreate traditional African dot art. We will also look at the African Nursery in Kisumu that Yellow Dot sponsors and how other children live and play.

