



Dear Families,

We had lots of fun celebrating **Easter** in April.

The Kindergarten had a very successful Easter Bonnet Competition and created some magnificent hats. They enjoyed our **Growing** theme this Term and working with natural resources to produce picture frames from sticks and beads and revisited the “art in the park” theme that they enjoyed so much to create numbers and pictures with leaves, sticks, stones and shells.

Our **Parents Consultations** have come to an end for this half of the year. They were a great success and I hope a valuable opportunity for you to discuss your child’s development. If you ever have any questions about your child’s progress or development then please don’t hesitate to let us know. Most of our Kindergarten children have now found out where they will be going to ‘big School’. To make this transition easier for all the families, please feel free to talk to the Team if you have any questions or concerns regarding this important but exciting new chapter in your lives.

Last month, we sadly said goodbye to Rose from the Baby Room after 12 and half years with us. We wish her all the best for the future.

In other “eggciting” news we will be receiving duck eggs this month from Living Eggs Company and lots of activities will be based around this wonderful experience.

Best wishes,

*Natalie Ryves*

Nursery Manager

## Easter experiences



## Babies

This month in Babies there has been a mixture of emotions as we have been celebrating Easter but are saying goodbye to Rose. The children really showed great fine motor skills while decorating our Easter cards. Our focus has been on sensory play with lots of heuristic resources and we are also learning new Makaton signs. Rachel came in and did singing with us and we are using the outside area lots as well as still taking care of our beautiful flowers.



## Toddlers

Toddlers were very busy getting creative for Easter and been practicing their fine motor skills using creative tools. We have made a lovely bear hunt tray out in the garden, made soft play and a tunnel to go under, over and through it, just like the bear hunt! We have been focusing on washing our hands in the sink and waiting until all of our friends have their food and meal times. We are going to be focusing on group play with music and movement as well as speech and language when having story time. We are going to be creating messy activities such as play dough, gloop and floor painting.



## Transition

This month we have been observing how things change over time. Starting with planting some bulbs that have now become very tall and our own sunflower seeds. We have been learning how to take care of our plants by watering them daily and making sure they have enough sunlight. As we have been talking about various lifecycles the children have taken an interest in reading "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", we are even planning on creating our own caterpillars!



## Kindergarten

The Kindergarten children have been busy planting a variety of seeds including cress, apple and mixed flowers and waiting impatiently to see them grow. All children have been given a variety of different creative experiences including resources to make their own choice of Easter cards as well as Easter bonnets. Many children enjoyed observational paintings of seasonal flowers provided as well as stories about Spring and new life.

