

Dear Families,



This year we have continued to work closely with Abbotswood Court care home. The children and team have built brilliant relationships with the residents and team there. Each week our older children take time to plan their own activities to take along with them, while our younger children have a great time visiting for a sing song.

We have started February with a bang learning about Chinese New Year and the importance of the colour red. The children have had the opportunity to create their own decorations as well as listening to different stories. Our older children have also been linking the use of the computer to find out new information by looking at pictures and videos of new year celebrations.

Even with the challenges that the Winter weather brings, the children and Team have been as keen as ever to enjoy and explore our outdoor space. The wet weather has meant there has been plenty of glorious mud in the mud kitchen and we have seen the Kindergarten children taking on a leadership role, introducing new types of play to the younger children. There's also no stopping our toddlers who have wrapped up warm and in their puddle suits for fantastic rain walks this winter.

Kind regards

Hayley James
Nursery Manager

Indoor and Outdoor Shoes

We want our children to enjoy outdoor play and experiences whatever the weather. Please bring them in with appropriate clothing for the 'Great British weather'. To support your child making the most of the outdoors, please may I ask you to bring in a pair of wellies/outdoor shoes and a pair of indoor shoes or slippers to change into. Outdoor shoes need to be suitable for walking, climbing and splashing in puddles whilst also keeping little feet warm (oversize or ill-fitting wellies can pose a hazard). Please remember as well, to label all items of clothing, including footwear. Many thanks

Diary Dates

- **14th February**
Valentines Day
- **5th March**
Pancake Day
- **31st March**
Mothers Day
- **3rd April**
Romsey's 2nd Birthday
- **19th April**
Good Friday, Nursery closed
- **22nd April**
Easter Monday, Nursery closed

Babies

The Babies have been busy using their senses to explore their room. They have had the opportunity to explore lots of new and exciting textures including flour and different materials in their small world. They have also been practicing hand-eye coordination with their wooden blocks, building towers and knocking them down again as well as using paint brushes and mark make making tools. The babies have shown an interest in the creatures, particularly enjoying the ducks and fishes.



Toddlers

This month in Toddlers we have been exploring transport and vehicles, the children have been working together to create large 3d models of vehicles such as buses and trucks. The Team have also been supporting problem solving and turn taking when building and playing with the track and cars. Following the children's interest we have had a stomping time with dinosaurs, the children have spent time building a dinosaur small world in our garden whilst inside they have been busy mixing and rolling to make salt dough dinosaur fossils.



Transition

In Transition the children have been spending lots of their time in our role play area, we have seen this become a café and a bakery over the past month! Following these interests the Team have helped the children to bake their very own delicious cake as well as some children baking yummy goodies at home as well. Transition have also been very interested in the small world animals and have been exploring the different habitats each group of animals live in including the artic, farms, jungle and deserts.



Kindergarten

What a busy month in Kindergarten. The children have become fantastic mathematicians with lots of focus on space, shape and measure as well as number. We have seen a role play shop with scales to weigh their fresh stock as well as looking at the value of different coins we use. We have also seen the children out with their clipboards on shape hunts. Another point of interest for the children is Brian our African Land Snail, they take time each week to clean him and feed him and some are beginning to want to hold him. We have been amazed by how much he has grown this year.

