



Dear Families,

Spring has sprung here at Winchester! The children have been exploring outside and noticing changes in the environment.

We still continue to enjoy our unique location next to the Moors and City, letting the children explore the community. There has been a recent policy change increasing the number of adults to children ratio required before we leave the security of the Nursery site. Also there is a new form for you to complete each time we plan an excursion. Any questions do please ask me.

May is a very 'eggciting' time in the Nursery as we have ducklings eggs arriving! This will provoke the children's learning about life cycles and provide them with a lovely experience. It really is a special time.

We now provide breakfast for those children attending our Early Bird sessions. So we can control allergies in the Nursery, please do not bring in breakfast from home. We will have a selection of cereals, toast and fruit on offer. There are some extra sessions available at Early Bird so if you need to drop off at 7.30am, please just let me know.

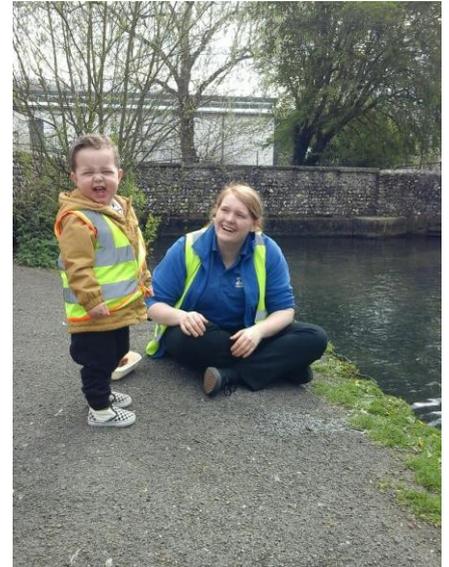
We are holding Parent Consultations on 3rd and 6th June, please speak with your child's Room to book an appointment. This is a one-to-one opportunity to chat with your child's Key Person about their development and next steps.

A warm "Hello" to Megan our new Nursery Nurse in Babies, I know you will join me in welcoming her to the Nursery!

As the weather gets sunnier, please provide us with named appropriate clothing to allow us to go on our adventures and also sun cream for your child.

Kind Regards

Lynn Wordsworth
Nursery Manager



Dates for your Diary

- **We are closed** for the Bank Holiday on 27th May
- **Parent Consultations:** 3rd and 6th June. For children going to school from 1st July
- **Kindergarten Graduation:** Friday 2nd August



Babies

During April the Babies have enjoyed exploring textures using fun resources such as the sand tray where they could feel with their hands, and the stepping stone mats where they encountered various textures to walk and crawl on. We also introduced a texture bag so the Babies could guess the object before seeing it, through shape and texture. The children enjoyed plenty of arts and crafts to create Easter art, doing finger painting, using brushes and dabbers and creating collages with fabrics of varying textures. We also held a Spring Singsong and have been singing and doing actions to Easter and Spring songs!



Toddlers

The Toddlers have been really working on speech. We enhanced this by providing lots of singing experiences on nature walks to see objects in different environments. We have also worked on developing movement throughout our activities and the children really enjoyed soft play and dancing.



Transition

Transition have been learning about plants and how sunflowers and beans grow. We sowed some seeds and observed them. Using spray bottles to water the plants was good practice for finger strength. We took this further in the builders tray, putting in soil, different size pots, scoops and gloves. The children enjoyed role playing planting seeds. Transition have also been doing lots of music and learning new Spring songs as well as songs from 'Frozen'. After the children role played sitting on the sofa and watching TV like they do at home, they made handprints of a television for the display in the kitchen area.



Kindergarten

We spent April thinking about Easter and what it means to the children and their families. Many of the children enjoyed looking at lots of different types of Easter eggs and then designing their own. They learnt how to blend colours with chalks and this led them to do the same with water colours. We were then curious how to make new colours with our paints, so we looked at how to mix our primary colours. Mathematically the children have been learning more 3D shapes – it is such a pleasure to hear them ask each other to pass the cylinder or cube. Re-telling stories has also been a focus over the last month as this enhances children's confidence to speak within the group and also to sequence events. By the end of the month many children have been able to re-tell a story with no picture clues. With School places now confirmed we will be making available a list for you to get to know who else your child is going to School with and I look forward to a number of the teachers being able to visit the children at Yellow Dot. It hardly seems possible that the children will be moving on so soon. This month, we are looking forward to spending more time in our garden, planting and watering new seeds and exploring some new technology opportunities.

