

April & May

Nursery Newsletter

Spring has Sprung

Welcome to April and May's Nursery Newsletter. Our themes this month are The Great Outdoors and Sound. We can't wait to plant lots of seeds and see which insects will visit our flowerbeds. If you enjoy gardening and would like to share your knowledge with the children, or even help us with some planting activities then please let us know. If you would like to chat to the children about your job, or if you feel you have a skill that you could talk to them about then please speak to us. We would love you to visit us!



Focus

This month we will be encouraging the children to be able to do the following:

- Continue to express social communication such as excuse me, please and thank you
- Tidy up after themselves
- Talk about events and begin to sequence them in order
- Care and respect living things and handle them carefully
- Be aware of rhyming words
- Make a pattern
- Discuss the signs of Spring
- Discuss the importance of recycling and looking after the environment



Reminders

Nursery Snack Fund

Monthly £15 Termly £45

Our snack fund covers snack, educational visitors and extra resources that we purchase for the class (books, toys etc).

Please remember to pay this on the School Money App.

Stay and Play

Nursery 1's Stay and Play

1.00 - 1.30 on Tues 9th April

(Nursery 1 early finish on Wed at 12.45)

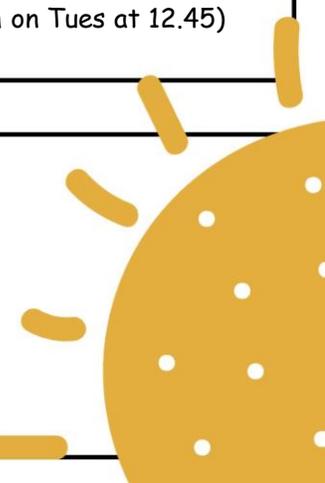
Nursery 2's Stay and Play

1.00 - 1.30 on Wed 10th April

(Nursery 2 early finish on Tues at 12.45)

Visitors

We are continuing to have weekly Sportstopia sessions in the hall every Friday and Jo Jingles continues to visit us each Monday. We can't wait to have Wee Critters come back to see us again this month and bring more creatures for us to learn about. Mr Rat, from Belfast City Council will also visit us and remind us about the importance of looking after the environment and the importance of recycling.



Areas of Learning

The Arts

We will be encouraging the children to:

- Create pictures with petals and leaves
- Draw and paint pictures from direct observations
- Develop their painting skills
- Made a wide range of creations using recycled materials



Early Mathematical Experiences

We will be encouraging the children to:

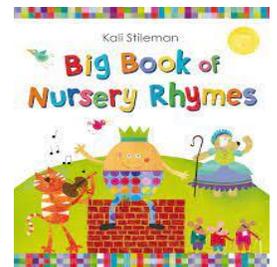
- Recite numbers in order to 10
- Match numbers to quantities correctly
- Use familiar items and common shapes to copy and create patterns
- Begin to use language associated with sequence and time
- Use language associated with describing pattern e.g. spotty, stripy
- Talk about how shapes are arranged and used in their constructions



Language Development

We will be encouraging the children to:

- Listen to stories with increasing attention and recall
- Continue to maintain listening skills
- Explore rhyming words
- Develop pincer grip
- Question why things happen



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be encouraging the children to:

- Persevere with tasks for an extended period of time
- Enjoy the responsibility of carrying out small tasks
- Take pride in their achievements



Areas of Learning

Physical Development and Movement

We will be encouraging the children to:

- Feel confident to accept challenges to develop their physical capabilities
- Create obstacle courses and challenges using loose parts



The World Around Us

We will be encouraging the children to:

- Develop an awareness of how we can care for our environment
- Recognise the role of some people who work in our community who help us
- Be aware that living things need certain things to keep them alive
- Examine change over time e.g. observe how flowers grow



Outdoor Learning Activities (including Forest School)

We will be encouraging the children to:

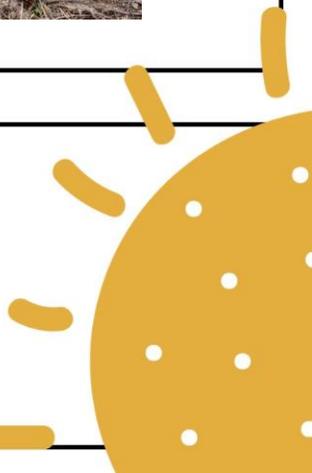
- Plant seeds
- Create a bug hotel
- Design stone bugs
- Design a home for hedgehogs



Learning Through Digital Play

We will be encouraging the children to:

- Use a range of apps on the iPads
- Programme Code-a-pillar



Songs and Rhymes

A Little Seed

A little seed for me to sow
A little soil to make it grow
A little hole, a little pat,
A little wish, and that is that,
A little sun, a little shower.
A little while -
And then, a flower!



Caterpillar Garden

Over in the garden,
under a tree.

I saw some fuzzy caterpillars



One, two, three.

Over in the garden, under the moon
Each caterpillar spun herself a cocoon.



Over in the garden, right before my
eyes, those caterpillars all turned
into butterflies!



Here is a Beehive

Here is a beehive, where are
the bees?

Clench fist and bring out fingers one by
one.

Hiding away where nobody sees.
Watch them come creeping out
of their hives.

One, two, three, four, five,
Buzz, buzz, buzz.



I'm a Little Seed



Tune : I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a little bean, small and round,
Bury me deep, in the ground.
Sprinkle me with water,
and sunshine too,
Watch me grow as tall as you!