

Dear parents/carers,

This week...

We celebrated Easter and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a range of exciting and creative activities.

We shared the story *We're Going on an Egg Hunt* by Martha Mumford, where the children joined in with the repeated phrases and followed the adventure with great enthusiasm. This helped to support their listening skills and enjoyment of storytelling.

The children had lots of fun taking part in an Easter egg hunt in the playground, working together to search for hidden eggs and celebrating their discoveries.

In our creative area, the children made adorable chicks using playdough, feathers and googly eyes, developing their fine motor skills and imagination. We also enjoyed making a variety of Easter crafts, exploring different materials and techniques.

In maths, the children helped the Easter Bunny to count his eggs, supporting their early counting skills and number recognition. They also created Easter egg patterns, exploring colours, shapes and repeating patterns.

It has been a joyful and engaging week full of learning through play and celebration.

After the Easter holidays...

We will begin learning about Spring and growing. Our new focus story will be *Oliver's Vegetables* by Vivian French.

- The children will be exploring:
- The life cycle of a plant and how things grow
- Planting cress and learning how to care for it
- Exploring seeds and discussing what they might grow into

In maths, we will focus on developing problem-solving and spatial skills through jigsaw puzzles, encouraging the children to recognise shapes, turn pieces and complete pictures.

In phonics, we will be exploring alliteration (words that begin with the same sound).

For example:

- Silly snakes slither
- Busy bees buzz
- Happy hippos hop

We will also enjoy a variety of Spring-themed activities, including:

- Exploring a sensory tray with frozen herbs
- Vegetable printing to create artwork
- Observational drawing of a flower
- A Spring sensory garden tray to encourage exploration and curiosity
- Role play in our Flower Centre, supporting communication and imagination

These activities will help to develop the children's understanding of the natural world, as well as their creativity, language and early scientific skills.

Any other business

- Please ensure your child has two full sets of spare clothes in their bag at all times. We would also kindly ask for your support in enhancing our sensory play provision.
- If you have any spare sensory items at home (such as dried pasta, rice, lentils, herbs, or similar materials), we would greatly appreciate any donations. These resources help to create rich learning experiences for the children.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you have a lovely Easter break.

Marina and Belinda 😊