



May Newsletter

A couple of dates for your diary!

Monday 30 th May 2022	Last Day of Funding for Term 5
Monday 30 th May- Wednesday 1 st June	Garden Works
Thursday 2 nd June 2022	Nursery Closed (Bank Holiday)
Friday 3 rd June 2022	Nursery Closed (Bank Holiday)
Tuesday 31 st May-Friday 3 rd June 2022	Half Term
Monday 6 th June 2022	Funding Starts for Term 6
Thursday 16 th June & Friday 17 th June	Butterflies Father's Day Picnic
Wednesday 20 th July	Butterflies Graduation
Monday 25 th July 2022	Last Day of Funding for Term 6
Monday 29 th August 2022	Nursery Closed (Bank Holiday)



Upcoming Back Garden Works



Please note that from Monday 30th of May to Wednesday 1st June we will be digging out and relaying our back garden. During this time the main door will be shut and access for the babies and toddlers will be through the baby unit entrance and access for Caterpillars and Butterflies will be through the Caterpillars entrance.



Spring Wear & Spare Clothes



Now that the Wet Spring weather is here, could you please ensure that your children have appropriate clothing for the garden and outdoor play. This may include jackets, wellies, hats, spare clothes, and/or all in one rain coats if necessary

We like to get the children out even in inclement weather and don't want anyone to miss out.

Could you also please ensure that you send in at least two changes of clothing for your little one including socks and underwear. We love to get the children involved in messy play and want to ensure they always have something warm and comfortable to change into afterwards if needed.

Lastly could any borrowed clothing please be returned to the nursery so that we have extras on hand should another child need them.





Collection & Drop Off

Could we please respectfully ask parents to note the times that their children are booked in and ask that they do not bring their child in earlier or pick them up later than the times booked without prior notification to the nursery.

Please could we also remind all parents and carers to continue following social distancing guidelines ensuring that there is only one parent/carers collecting at the door at a time.



Packed Lunches

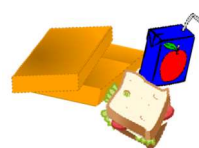
Please can we remind all parents to follow our packed lunch policy.

Lunches should **NOT** include-
Chocolate bars- Twix/Mars etc.

Sweets

Juice/Fizzy Drinks

Nuts and Nuts Products



Sandwiches should not include

Sweet spread fillings- Jam/Honey/Nutella

Nut Spreads- Peanut butter, almond butter etc.

Salty Fillings such as Marmite

For further information relating to your child's packed lunch please see our packed lunch policy which can be found on our website or from our administrator.

TAX Free Childcare

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (£2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare.

If you get Tax-Free Childcare, the government will pay £2 for every £8 you pay your childcare provider. This is paid via an online childcare account that you set up for your child.

You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>



Ladybirds (Babies)



Books of the Month

- Dear Zoo
- I Love My Daddy

We will be exploring lots of different tuff trays and painting lions and monkeys to go with our zoo book. As well we will be exploring the colours green and blue with colour themed activities. We would also like to ask parents to send in some pictures of their little ones with their daddy's or other male figures to help us explore the concept of love with them while we are reading, I love my daddy. It has also been notice that a lot of our babies are eager to climb and explore so we will be looking to encourage this through box exploration, outdoor time and soft play.



Bumblebees (Toddlers)



Our little bumblebees seem to love to get really MESSY! So with this in mind we are going to really embrace this throughout May. Here are some of the activities that we will be getting up to.

- Jelly play with sea creatures
- Mark making with different textures and materials
- Lots of water activities including tea making (fruit teas), putting limes & lemons in water, and making bubbles.
- Encouraging fine motor skills through threading, puzzles & exploring play doh

With all this mess play in mind could we please ask that parents ensure their little ones are coming in with more than one change of clothes including vest and socks.

We would also like to explore junk modelling in the future and would ask that if any parents have any recycling such as plastic containers, plastic bottle and cardboard boxes could they please bring them in. As well if you have any baby bottles, small baby clothes, baby tins etc could we also have these to add into our role play area? Many Thanks



Caterpillars



Could all parents and carers please ensure that they are sending their little ones in with appropriate outdoor wear for garden play including winter coats and hats.

Books of the Month

- Teddy Bear Picnic
- Two Stubborn Pirates
- Jack and the Beanstalk
- The Singing Mermaid

Themes of the Month

- Spring
- May Day
- Mini Beasts
- VE Day
- Mental Health Awareness Week- We will be exploring the topic through Yoga activities, breathing exercises and exploring the colour monster and our emotions.

For the week commencing 9th May we will be exploring pirates and your child is welcome to come in dressed as a pirate all throughout the week. On Wednesday 25th May we will also be celebrating the Queens jubilee. All children are welcome to come dressed as a royal character or in red, white and blue. The children will also be having a royal tea party for their lunch and enjoying lots of royal games and activities including a royal ball.



Butterflies



Books of the Week

- Aaarrgghh Spider w/c 02.05
- The Wizard of Oz w/c 09.05
- Jack and the Beanstalk w/c 16.05
- Class Three All at Sea w/c 23.05

We will also be doing lots of messy play throughout the month so can we please ask all parents to ensure they are sending in a couple changes of clothing for their little ones including socks and underwear if applicable.