

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our Nursery News for the month of March 2019. Spring is on the way and all around us there are wonderful signs of new life and new growth. We hope you may take a few minutes to read about all the activities we have planned for the children this month.



Our 'People Who Help Us' theme for the month of February was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. There will be many photographs displayed around the nursery to record the many events and visits. We would like to thank our visitors who took time to talk to the children & a few brave parents from the Yellow Room who shared their jobs with the children—it can be a very daunting experience, faced with twenty seven curious faces all with lots to say! We would like to thank everyone who helped us with resources for the hospital area this month—some of the children really were bandaged from head to foot! Also, we were delighted that so many parents were able to join us on our Train and Bus trip.



The children will explore the theme of **SPRING ON THE FARM** and will investigate the colour **YELLOW** this month, so children are encouraged to help build up a Yellow colour window and Spring interest table by providing interesting things from home. We would also appreciate it if children could bring in soft toy farm animals if they have any.



A copy of our planning will as usual be on display on the notice board. Remember that anyone who wishes to have a personal copy of the planning should mention this to your child's teacher and it will be arranged.

Our Football season starts on **Wednesday 6th March** when we welcome back Jamie Mulgrew, our Football Coach. Jamie will come every fortnight to teach the children lots of skills and team games. This was a very popular activity in the last three years and who knows, we may have a few Wayne Rooney's in our midst.

On **Monday 11th March** we will have some special little visitors from "The Ark Farm Small Animal Road Show" which should be great fun as well as a valuable learning experience to reinforce our Farm theme.

On **Monday 18th March** we will celebrate **St Patrick's Day** with food, song, story and dance. Our special visitors will be Dominic's family, part of the well known McClean Family musicians.



Advance notice of Easter Holidays

School finishes for Easter on Friday 12th April at 12 noon with no school dinners served that day

School reopens on Monday 29th April at the normal time



Our Mindfulness continues on the 1st, 6th and 29th March. The children are thoroughly enjoying these sessions and we love getting your feedback.



Everyday and Everyway Talking about... March



Spring has sprung! We will be using the theme of Spring on the Farm to introduce your child to different areas of learning.

St Patrick's Day is in March. We talk about rainbows, the colour, shapes, counting and nursery rhymes.

Try these activities, songs, books and crafts to help your child learn. Speak, sing and talk about books with your child in your own language.



Activities

Talking & Listening

- Tell your child about the things you enjoyed doing in spring as a child – get grandparents involved in this too especially if they lived in a rural area.
- Encourage your child to tell you all about the visit to the nursery this month of the Small Animals Road Show from the Ark Farm. Look at the photographs which will be on display around the nursery and encourage lots of chat!

Stories

There is a wonderful selection of books available on this theme. Visit the local library or have a browse through the nursery library box. We recommend:

Hello Beaky by Jez Alborough

The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Billy's Beetle by Mick Inkpen

Emma's Lamb by Kim Lewis

Floss by Kim Lewis

The Sun & The Wind from In the Meadow by

Maurice Pledger



The children enjoy information books especially those with real life photo's such as

Tadpole & Frog by Christine Back and Barrie Watts

Pond Life by Barbara Taylor

Chicks Grow into Chickens by A & C Black



Out and About

- As you walk look for signs of Spring. Help children to notice buds and leaves. Encourage children to listen to the sounds of birds, to observe mini-beasts and insects and to notice the clothes people wear as the days grow warmer.



Nursery Rhymes

Nursery rhymes are silly stories that are fun to read or sing. The stories don't really make a lot of sense. The words in the rhyme are said over and over. This helps your child learn new words and is a great start to phonic awareness, a fundamental skill when learning to read.

- Say the rhymes you know
- Go to the library to find books with new rhymes
- Do actions while you say the nursery rhymes
- Talk about why the rhyme is silly

Practice these at home:

Humpty Dumpty	Wee Willie Winkie
Jack and Jill	Old Mother Hubbard
Twinkle Twinkle	Three Blind Mice
Little Boy Blue	
Baa Baa Black Sheep	
Mary Mary Quite Contrary	
There was an old woman who lived in a shoe	



Counting

Count with your child when she is playing with toys, colouring and reading. The more you count, the more likely he/she will count with you.

Introduce counting by saying "1, 2, 3 go!" before he/she goes down the slide at the playground or before kicking the ball. Count the stairs as you go up and down. Count the spoons when you set the table.