

# Welcome Nursery Parent and Carers

Term 4 Weeks 5&6

## Topic: Easter, A Squash & A Squeeze

We have had a lovely last couple of weeks before our Easter break, soaking up memories with Mrs Phillips before she leaves to go and have her baby. We have been covering the book 'A Squash & A Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson and have been acting out the story using our tent and tipi and lots of characters masks. We have looked the animals that are born in Spring and how Easter marks the sign of new life. We have decorated eggs, created nest cakes, and explored lots of Easter materials in our TUFF spot tray. As a class we have spoken a lot about babies and how they grow in our Mummies tummies. We have compared things that babies need support with to things we have learnt to do as 3 and 4 year olds. Our teachers are very proud of the confidence that we have developed to share our ideas at group times and we look forward to this continuing in our last couple of terms in Nursery.



### In Maths....

We have spent a couple of weeks consolidating our knowledge of the Number blocks and creating these using multi link cubes. Our counting to 10 and using 1:1 correspondence when we count has developed so well and we are now trying to recognise these numbers to match amounts. We also explored patterns this last fortnight and how to continue repeated patterns by reading them aloud and then selecting the correct colours or objects to continue the pattern on. Some of us were challenged to continue 3-part patterns.



## In our Literacy & mark-making...

We have continued to practise our pre-letter shapes and the formation of particular letters. We have been building our strength and grip when using a pencil and combing letters to write our names and common words like; mum, dad, love, etc. We have focussed a lot on sounds this term and what words start with the same sound e.g. 's' for 'sock', 'sun', 'snake' and 'c/k' for 'kick', 'cat', 'car'. This will continue for our final couple of terms and will be of great benefit to our children heading up to Reception in September.



We have continued to explore cooking and baking in the last week of term. We were able to name the 'ingredients' and 'equipment' we could see on our table that was needed to be able to make Easter nest cakes. We then observed how the chocolate changed shape when we melted it in the microwave and then again when we mixed it with the cornflakes and put them in the fridge. We scooped the cornflakes into the cupcake cases and placed some mini eggs on the top and enjoyed these at snack time with some milkshake.



## Home challenge of the week:

We hope you've had a lovely break over Easter. 😊

As we enter our new term we will be focussing on the 'Growing' so please explore the outside, as the weather hopefully improves, with your children. Look at the plants starting to sprout, explore the creepy crawlies you can find under stones and logs and by digging in the mud. Discuss with them how many legs they may have, any special features or patterns, how they may move and spark their curiosity and interest in nature.

Thanks in advance for all your support in building your children's vocabulary and learning experiences.