

# Nursery Newsletter

Weekly Round-Up Spring 2 Week 3

## What have we been up to?

This week it is British Science Week; we have had fun completing lots of different science-based activities. We started the week by exploring the question - What do plants need to grow? We planted some cress seeds in different conditions e.g. one with no water, one with sunshine and water and another one in a dark cupboard. The children have been so keen to look at the seeds daily. On Friday, we will look to see which environment grew the best cress seeds. We have also loved learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly and have enjoyed reading the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We have been discussing how a butterfly starts its life as a tiny egg, growing into a hungry caterpillar, snuggling into a chrysalis, and finally emerging as a beautiful butterfly!

We have been working our socks off in our maths sessions this week and we've had lots of fun exploring the numbers 1-5 in all sorts of exciting ways. The children loved showing these numbers on their fingers, spotting them on dice patterns, and counting the holes in Numicon pieces. The Numicon resource has been especially popular—so much so that some children have started joining pieces together to make simple number bonds, discovering that numbers like 3 can be made in lots of ways, such as  $1+1+1$  or  $2+1$  and 2 can be made by  $1+1$ . Some examples of the representations we have been using are pictured below:



Maths

1 2 3

Phonics



In phonics, we have been using our voices to make lots of familiar sounds—like 'zzzzzz' for a bee, 'choo-choo' for a train, 'wheeee!' zooming down a slide, and 'boing-boing' to bounce a ball. The children have also enjoyed looking in a mirror to see the different shapes that their mouth makes when saying these sounds.

HAPPY WEEKEND  
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# Upcoming...

## Comic Relief

Friday 20th March

Children are very welcome to come to nursery wearing non-school uniform for a £1 donation. All profits will go to Comic Relief.



## Easter Stay and Play

We would love to invite you to nursery for an Easter themed 'Stay and Play' session on Friday 27th March.

Morning nursery - 10.15am to 11.30am

Afternoon nursery - 2.00pm to 3.15pm

Please can we ask that you come to your child's nursery session, just so there is an even number of adults in both sessions. It is fine for two adults to attend per child, younger siblings are welcome to join in the fun. If you are unsure which nursery session your child is in, please just ask.



## Mother's Day

Sunday 15th March

Wishing all our lovely Mummy's and Grandma's a very Happy Mother's Day for Sunday - Thank you for everything you do. We hope the children look after you and you get truly spoilt!



Many thanks,

*Mrs Watt, and the Nursery Team!*

