

The children's learning

The children have enjoyed getting outside in the Spring sunshine and exploring our wonderful grounds. They have been discovering signs of Spring in Big Lawns and the rainbow garden. The children were excited to find Daffodils and Muscari and were encouraged to use their sense of sight, hearing and smell whilst exploring. We spotted some hyacinths that smelt wonderful! Some of the children think that they heard a woodpecker, which sparked an investigation into where it might be living and what it might look like. We found pictures of various birds including a woodpecker to further support conversations linked to their interests. They have also been taking turns to climb the ladder and look for wildlife in the trees.



This week our Pre-Nursery children have also been learning about how to care for our environment. They have weeded the plants, swept up outside and made plans for our garden. They were excited to plant some pansies in the tires next to our door

We will be caring for our new plants and watching them grow!



Communication and language

Communication is fundamental to all learning. One of our curricular goals focuses on high-quality back and forth interactions that develop our children's language, listening, social interaction and cognitive development. This involves listening to our young children and having conversations with them. We share stories, songs and rhymes and provide exciting experiences that encourage communication.

The ShREC approach that we use at Nursery is shown in this poster. Through using the ShREC approach we are able to communicate with all children, at their level and help them to develop their communication and language. The poster provides some top tips for you to use at home.

Listening to children and having conversations with them

Sh
Share attention
 Be at the child's level. Pay attention to what they are focused on.

R
Respond
 Follow the child's lead. Respond to their non-verbal and verbal communications. You could make a brief comment on what they can see, hear or feel.

E
Expand
 Repeat what the child says and build on it by adding more words to turn it into a sentence.

C
Conversation
 Have extended back and forth interactions. Give children time to listen, process and reply.

Comment more, question less
 Oh! I can see Spot hiding in the basket.
 Encourage conversations.

10 second rule
 Give children time to listen, process and reply.

Interactive book reading
 It's a fierce, scary lion!
 Lion!

Supporting inclusive practice: every child, every day...
 The benefits to your child of learning more than one language are huge.

Tu'm'as supris!
 Boo!

Salut Hello Ciao
 Assalamu Alaikum Halo
 Bonjour Ni Hao

You can use the ShREC approach with any language including British Sign Language.

The ShREC approach supports all forms of communication children use, including signs and symbols.

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Please watch and listen to this father and baby's wonderful interactions. They have fantastic back and forth conversations using expression, gesture, eye-contact and humor!

Please click [here](#) to view

Easter Raffle

Our 'Easter Raffle' opens on the 16th of March. The nursery team donate all the prizes themselves and all money raised goes towards purchasing new resources and providing experiences such as hatching chicks and the mobile farm in the summer. The raffle will be drawn and winners will be announced on Wednesday the 25th March.



A reminder about suitable clothing

If your child needs a bag of spare clothes please make sure that the bag is named and if possible all items of clothing are named. Remember that we go outside in all weathers so make sure your child has appropriate clothes and footwear. Velcro trainers are far better for climbing than crocs or wellies. Please wear clothing that allows your child to run, jump and climb safely. Long dresses get in the way! Elasticated waists on clothing will help when using the toilet independently too!

Dates for your diary

Friday 27th March - Break up for Easter holidays. Nursery session finishes at 11.45am.

Monday 13th April - Visits for new children—Pre-Nursery closed

Tuesday 14th April - Nursery opens for all children

Monday 20th April - Our Living Eggs arrive!

Monday 4th May - May Bank Holiday, Nursery closed

Thursday 21st May - Break up for Half Term

Friday 22nd May - INSET DAY

Monday 1st June - Return to Nursery

Wednesday 15th July - Basil's Farm Visit Nursery School

Tuesday 21st July - Break up for Summer Holidays. Nursery session finishes at 11:45am.

Wednesday 22nd July - INSET DAY