



Maidenhead Nursery School

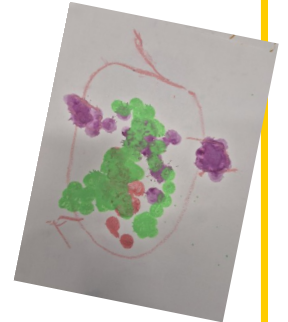


Spring 2 Newsletter

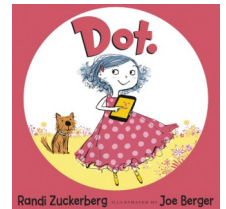
The Children's Learning



Throughout the year we introduce the children to different artists from around the world and use their techniques or vision as inspiration for our own creations. This term we are looking at the world of Yayoi Kusama. The children learned that she is from Japan and loves using spots, circles and bright colours in her art. We looked some of her paintings, photos of her sculptures and even her exhibitions in art galleries. The children made some amazing pieces of art in group time and continue to during their free flow learning time.



This week we have been learning about keeping safe online. We read the story of Smartie the penguin who saw a scary picture when playing on his tablet. The story teaches children to always tell our parents or carers if they see something they do not like when on a phone, tablet or computer. We have also enjoyed the book *Dot.* by Randi Zuckerberg about a child who loves technology and learns how to use it as part of a fulfilling life of imaginative play. [Click on the link for advice and tips about keeping young children safe online.](#)



Safety at Nursery

Please remember to shut the initial gate as you enter the nursery by the hedges. This is an important barrier before families reach the road and must be shut at all times.

Please do not park on the zig zags outside of the nursery - even if you think you will only be a minute - it puts children and families in danger.



Spring Raffle 2026

Please come and buy tickets to our spring raffle to raise money for the nursery. We are looking to buy some more plants and seeds for our allotment and gardens.

On sale now - £1 a ticket.



Dates for your diary!

Friday 27th March - Break up for Easter holidays. Nursery session finishes at 11.45am. There is no afternoon session.

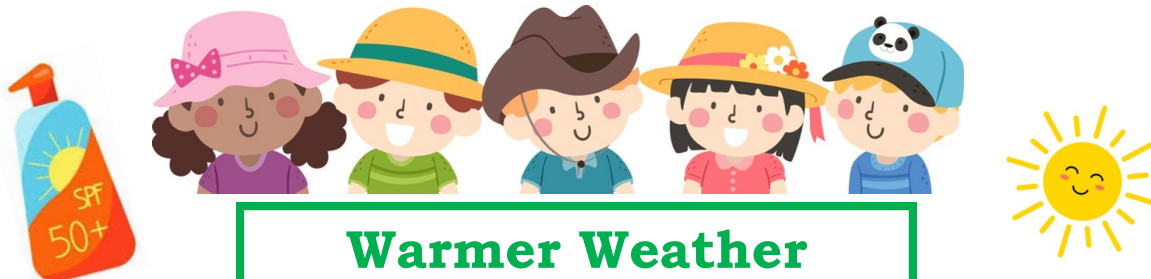
Monday 13th April - Nursery closed. New children nursery visits.

Tuesday 14th April - Nursery open - existing children return

Monday 20th April - Chick eggs arrive for hatching

Monday 4th May - Nursery Closed - May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 12th May - Farm Visits nursery



Warmer Weather

Hopefully in the coming months we will experience some warmer, sunnier weather, so in preparation here are some reminders:

- Please apply sun cream to your child before their nursery session. We ask that parents/carers of children who stay for a full day to bring in a clearly **NAMED** bottle of sun cream for your child to be applied if necessary at lunch time. Please give the sun cream to a member of staff as we keep them all in a central place and complete this form to give permission to apply it. We can only apply sun cream to your child if this procedure is followed. Thank you.
- Please also ensure that your child has a named sun hat. All children must wear hats when out in the sun.
- Footwear needs to be appropriate and safe for climbing and play outdoors, so no flip flops, loose sandals or clogs please. Thank you.



Importance of Sleep

“Quality sleep is essential for children’s growth and development. A decent night’s sleep will... allow them to react more quickly to situations, have a more developed memory, learn more effectively and solve problems, plus it will make them less susceptible to colds and other minor ailments, less irritable and better behaved!” (The Sleep Charity). Click on the icon here for a link to useful information to support parents to with sleep routines and advice about diet and nutrition and relaxation tips.

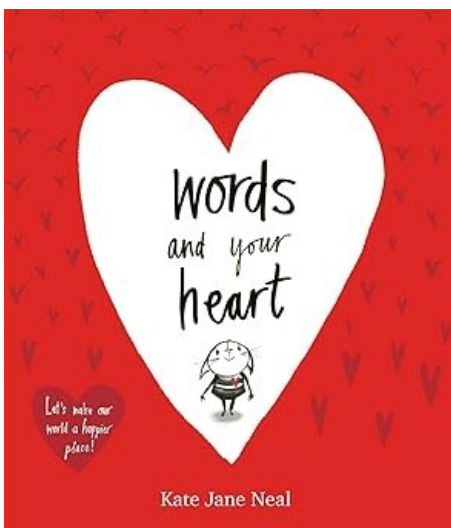


Independence at home and nursery

Every day at nursery we are encouraging the children to develop their independence in many different ways. We encourage them to respect and care for the resources and environment at the nursery as well as their own belongings. At home you can support us by providing them opportunities to dress themselves including putting their shoes on. Please be mindful that some shoes can be more challenging to put on and take off.

Book recommendation

Our book recommendation this term is ‘Words and Your Heart’ by Kate Jane Neal. A simple and beautiful book about how the words that we use have power and we can choose to use them to make the world a better place.



School Readiness / Starting Reception Sept 2026

National Offer Day is 16th April so some of our families will be starting to think about school readiness in preparation for September 2026.

[‘Starting Reception.co.uk’](http://StartingReception.co.uk) is a fantastic website newly created to provide advice and information for parents.

