



## Newsletter Summer 1 2023

### Have a lovely break!

We hope you have a lovely Easter break and manage to get out and about to enjoy the outdoors in the spring weather. Our newsletter keeps you updated with news and events and what we have planned for this half term.

### Ramadan and Eid

The children will have the opportunity to learn all about Ramadan and Eid through a variety of experiences such as creating mendhi patterns, tasting food and listening and moving to music.

We will update you via Tapestry about what we have all learned and enjoyed.

### King's Coronation Celebrations

The King's coronation is set for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May and we will be celebrating with the children on the week beginning Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We will be learning about King Charles and what the coronation means as well as having traditional themed British snacks at snack time and decorating our lunch room for the children to enjoy all week.



### Trip

We are very excited to share with you that we will be going to Hatton Country Park on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Look out for an email with costs and information!

### Parent workshop- maths

We would like to invite parents and carers to our King's Coronation themed maths workshops on:

#### Sunflowers:

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 9-9:30am**  
or  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2:15-2:45pm**

#### Daisies:

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 11:15am-12pm**  
or  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 3pm-3:30pm**



### UNICEF Rights Respecting Animal

Please post your photos of your week with the Rights Respecting animal on Tapestry so that we can share the animal's adventures with the rest of our key groups!

### Contact

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### Whole school opening times

#### Sunflowers & Poppies

#### New arrangements for dropping off your child

We are always thinking about how to prepare our three and four year olds for the next stage in their education journey. To help to prepare the children for their transition to primary school, we will be asking parents to drop the Sunflowers & Poppies at the **black metal gate situated next to the school office** when we return from the Easter break. The children will walk independently along the side of school and into their classroom. Children will continue to be collected at the end of the day from their classroom.

#### Introducing two drop off times

The **black metal gate situated next to the school office** will be open for parents between **9am-9:10am**.

Families arriving after 9:10am are politely asked to wait until after family group time has ended at 9:30am, when children will be able to come into school by the front door. This will allow key workers to register and teach in their family groups without interruption. We do have a breakfast club facility available, if arriving before 9:10am will prove difficult. Thank you for your support with this; as a school we really do value a smooth and purposeful start to the nursery day.

### Core Rhymes

Singing rhymes helps children learn about rhythm and rhyme to help with pre reading skills. It is also great fun! This half term we will be singing:

#### Sunflowers (3-4 year olds):

Old MacDonald had a farm

BINGO- There was a farmer had a dog

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mmF8zOlh\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mmF8zOlh_g)

The farmer's in his den

#### Daisies (2-3 year olds):

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed

Incy Wincy Spider

Old Macdonald had a farm

### Diary Dates:

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**- school closed Bank Holiday

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**- school closed Bank Holiday

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**- school closed half term holiday

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**- Summer term commences



## Core books we will be reading in Summer 1

We focus upon particular books each half term to read to the children regularly so that children develop a bank of well known and loved stories.

You can help by getting the stories from your local library and reading it at home to your child.

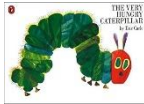
These stories will be a stimulus for imaginative role play, mark making, creating models and many other learning opportunities.

### Sunflowers (3-4 year olds):

The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle



The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

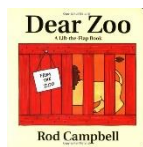


The Bad Tempered Ladybird by Eric Carle



### Daisies (2-3 year olds):

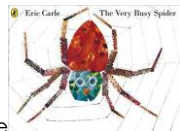
Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell



On the Farm by Axel Scheffler



The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle



## Sun cream and hats

As the weather improves, please make sure that you have applied sun cream to your child prior to Nursery. You can send in a labelled bottle of sun cream for your child to use whilst at Nursery.

Please also make sure that your child has a named hat to wear when they are playing outside.

## We're learning to say 'hello' in Bulgarian

We teach children to say hello in a different language each half term.

This half term we are learning to say hello in Bulgarian, which is **Zdraveite**, pronounced 'Strazdee'

## Beautiful chicks!

This half term our eggs arrived at Nursery! This linked to our core books: The Little Red Hen and We're Going on an Egg Hunt by Martha Mumford and Laura Hughes.

The children had the opportunity to observe the eggs and chicks as they grew and changed.

We introduced new vocabulary, linked to our core book, and the life cycle process such as egg, hatch, chick, hen, life cycle, change.

We talked about the life cycle of the chick and the children were so excited to be able to talk to the chicks and hold them.



## Our caterpillars are arriving!

Our caterpillars will be arriving next half term so that we can continue to learn about life cycles. We will be reading the Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle and at the same time, be able to watch our own caterpillars grow and change into beautiful butterflies.

You can watch a short film of the story here:

<https://youtu.be/75NQK-Sm1YY>

and sing a silly caterpillar song here!

<https://youtu.be/v57Cw9cUEaQ>



## Spotlights on Tapestry

Remember to look on Tapestry to see what your child has been learning and to read their spotlight observations each term.

We suggest 'next steps' for your child's learning and development on their spotlight observations that you can access and also add your own pictures and comments.

## Library books

Please send your child's book bag into school each day to change their library book. Sharing a story together every day is the most important thing you can do to support your child's early reading development.

## Half Term break

We are closed for the May half term from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June inclusive. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.