

Spring 2 Nursery Newsletter

Desert to Garden

Lent is a special time when we think about caring for others and showing love.

We remember that Jesus died on a cross, which makes Lent a quiet and thoughtful season. We also remember the joy that God gave Jesus new life when he rose again and at Easter everyone celebrates. Jesus taught us the Great Commandment – to love God and to love everyone – and during Lent we try to care for others in simple, everyday ways.



The children will explore gentle signs and symbols of this season. During Lent they will notice the colour purple, seeds and growing plants as reminders of new life. As we move into Easter, the colour white, garden growth and our Easter Garden help us celebrate Jesus rising.

We will also celebrate with familiar signs such as hot cross buns and Easter eggs, helping the children to understand that Lent is a time to care for others and that Easter is a joyful celebration of new life and hope.

Maths

In our number work the children will be exploring and understanding numbers to 4, counting forwards and backwards through Rhyme Time and developing their skills in subitising by recognising small amounts without counting. They will learn what the number four is made of, represent numbers in different ways, use Numicon to 4 and practise matching numerals to quantities. We will also explore the concept of weight, learning the vocabulary heavy, heavier than, heaviest, light, lighter than, and lightest.

Phonics - Early Aspects

We will continue to develop early phonics skills by building strong listening and attention skills, alongside a love of books and storytelling. We enjoy listening walks, exploring environmental and instrumental sounds, and using body percussion to support memory, turn-taking and concentration. Through questions, discussion and exploring characters' feelings, children deepen their understanding of stories. This term, we will be focusing on rhythm, rhyme, and alliteration, while continuing to nurture a love of books through story time and role play.

Design Technology

The children enjoyed making porridge and heart biscuits last half term. They were delicious, well done children! We will be doing more cooking in the coming weeks. We will be learning about healthy eating and making good choices for our bodies. The children will talk about different foods, try new tastes and learn how healthy food helps us grow strong and feel happy.

PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will be exploring and celebrating what makes each of us unique. The children will be learning to recognise and appreciate differences, understand and

show kind behaviour towards others, and develop a strong sense of their own identity. Through stories, discussions and play-based activities, we will encourage the children to build confidence, respect one another and feel proud of who they are within our nursery community.

Physical

We will continue with our daily activities to develop their fine and gross motor skills. Squiggle, Finger Gym activities and relaxing play dough exercises. The children will continue to take part in daily Zumba as this supports the children's balance, coordination, concentration and most importantly, it is fun!

Mother's Day Afternoon

We would like to warmly invite all mums to join us in Nursery on Wednesday 11th March at 2.30pm for a special Mother's Day afternoon. The children are very excited to share some lovely activities and surprises with you as we celebrate together. It will be a wonderful opportunity to spend some time in Nursery and enjoy this special occasion with your child. We look forward to seeing you there!



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
5th March	World Book Day
WB 9th March	Science Week
11th March. 2.30pm	Mums invited into Nursery
WB 16th March	Irish Week

Reminders

Please bring library books in every **Wednesday** for them to be changed.

Please ensure all clothing items are clearly labelled.

Please **do not** include any nuts or products containing nuts, such as Nutella bars, in lunch boxes, as we are a nut-free school and have children and staff with allergies. Also, no sweets, chocolate, or juice please. Water is provided for the children to drink.

Requests

In Nursery we encourage the children to use real life resources such as plates, cups saucers, teapots, pot and pans. If you have any unwanted items at home please would you consider donating them so that we can use them in our Home Area and Mud Kitchen (no plastic items please).

If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Keegan, Miss Latus or any of the Early Years Team.

Thank you again for your continued support.

The Nursery Team