



Butterfly Barns Day Nursery



NURSERY NEWS April 2021



Diary Dates

Ramadan begins- 13th April
Earth Day- 20th-22nd April
St.George's Day- 23rd April

Welcome

We would like to welcome all our new parents and children who will be joining us throughout April. We hope you enjoy your time here with us at Butterfly Barns.

This month we celebrate the following birthdays:

We would like to wish a very 'Happy Birthday' to our children born in April:
Butterflies: Isabelle
Bumble Bees: Alexander and Ava

'Happy Birthday to you'

Highlight of the Month

In March the children have been enjoying celebrating World book day, exploring Julia Donaldson stories and re-enacting scenes from the much loved story collection. The children also celebrated British Science Week, engaging in activities and investigations such as; creating volcanoes, and colour mixing. The children also went on a bear hunt, exploring the story and making props to support their role-play. We celebrated Mothers day, creating handmade cards and crafts to help the children celebrate their mothers. For St.Patrick's day, the children enjoyed creating their own shamrocks, looking for leprechauns in the garden and hunting for 4 leaf clovers. Forest school sessions began and the children enjoyed using natural materials found outside to create lovely natural artwork. At the end of the month, we began to celebrate easter and engaged in easter egg hunts with our peers in the garden.

A few little reminders:

Earth Day-

We will be exploring the world we live in for Earth day! We will discuss how we can keep the world & around us clean, safe and also how we can look after the environment.

We will keep an eye out for the big recycling lorry that comes to nursery to discuss what recycling is & how we can do this too!

St.George's Day-

For St George's day we will be exploring dragons! We will look at making our own dragons using lots of different resources & of course include some great role play too.

Nursery Rhyme week- The children will be celebrating all things nursery rhyme related over the next two weeks. We will be engaging in song and rhyme sessions, music and movement and will be creating some and rhyme bags.

The Hungry Caterpillar- The Children will be exploring the much loved story of the 'Hungry caterpillar' this month and investigating the life cycle of a caterpillar. We will also be going on bug hunts in the garden.

Suncream and Sunhats- We supply sun cream for the children at nursery however, if you wish your child to wear their own for allergy reasons etc, please can you make staff aware of this and provide an alternative at Factor 50. Please can you provide a sun hat for your child, with the weather getting warmer, we still have some children without a hat. Due to Covid-19, we do ask that the children wear their own. Thank you!

PE Kits- PE sessions will be beginning to prepare for school readiness. Please can we ask that a change of clothes is provided to help the children become independent with changing. Thank you!



If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Tel: 01206 764191 Email: enquiries@butterflybluedaynursery.co.uk

Room Highlights

Bumblebees



In March the Bumblebees have been overcoming challenges, working on concentration and persisting when challenges have occurred. They have been doing this by exploring;

- Puzzles
- Hiding Games
- Colour sorting

The babies dressed up for World Book day and wore red for Red Nose Day!

We celebrated Mothers day by creating lots of nice things to take home for the special day.

April- In April, we are going to be exploring lots of nursery rhymes and books, learning actions to the songs and filling in words.

Caterpillars



In the Caterpillar room in March, the children have enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. The chosen story was Winnie The Witch; the children enjoyed making their own potions and colour mixing.

They took part in experiments for science week, creating volcanoes and creating the colours of the rainbow using skittles.

They also went on a bear hunt, following actions to the story, making sounds and exploring a story bag. Caterpillars made a shamrock for St.Patricks day too aswell as celebrating Mothers and creating handmade crafts to take home.

April- In April, we are going to be exploring nursery rhymes and making song boxes using props. We will be learning to follow actions and extending our vocabularies. We will also be learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar.

Butterflies



During March, the children in the Butterfly room have enjoyed exploring Julia Donaldson stories for World Book day. They explored a number of the much loved story collection and even re-enacted parts of the story, alongside collaging their own story characters.

The children also enjoyed going on a bear hunt, exploring the story and acting this out alongside their peers,

We have enjoyed creating jungle animals for our new jungle den, thinking about how the animals look and how they might feel.

We began forest school sessions, and enjoyed hunting for natural materials in the garden to create masterpieces alongside; hunting for bugs too. We found spiders, an earthworm, an earwig and a very big bumblebee.

We also celebrated Mothers day, making lovely crafts for the special day.

To prepare for Easter, we engaged in egg hunts outside and worked on our number skills by being challenged to count our findings.

April- In April, we are going to be exploring nursery rhymes, creating our own song and rhyme bags. We will be creating our own rhymes, working on rhyme and alliteration and taking part in silly soup too. We will also be exploring the life cycle of a caterpillar aswell as beginning PE sessions.

Sound Of The Week

Butterflies will be exploring a sound of the week to help with their phonic skills-

Week 1 (5th April)- 'S'

Week 2 (12th April)- 'A'

Week 3 (19th April)- 'T'

Week 4 (26th April)- 'I'

At home, you could begin to think of objects and words that begin with each sound. Why not go on a sound hunt, and see what objects you can find either around your home or when out on a walk.. "Look theres a squirrel, what sound does that begin with?" etc.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01206 790174. Alternatively you can email us at-

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