

Summer 1 Week 1 – 19th April 2024.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful spring break. The children have had a fantastic and busy first week! The children have eagerly shared their half term stories of trips out or making special memories with their families.

This week Nursery have enjoyed exploring the story 'We're Going on a Treasure Hunt' by Martha Mumford, where we focused on mathematical learning about preposition words (on, in, under, behind) to make treasure maps and go on a hunt of our own.

As the weather has begun to improve, Nursery have enjoyed the great outdoors again! They have loved finding slugs, bugs and creatures in the garden. The children have loved making marks with the chalks too. Some children have really challenged themselves to practice the new phonics letters or spelling their names. Well done!

Wishing you a sunny and warm weekend,

Mrs Brady-Turner

Phonics Sound of the week

This week we have been learning our new sound:

Letter formation rhyme: down her body, spot her idea!

Challenge: Can you blend together these letters to make a word? (*NB*. *The grown up can read the sounds out loud and the child can blend them*)

i – n – k

 $\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{n}$

p - i - t

Home learning:

Maths challenge: Try to practice using the prepositon words (in, on, under, behind) at home. For example, you could play hide and seek and describe your hiding spots! Can you think of any of your own preposition words?

Phonics challenge: Can you think of any words that begin with the initial sound **i**? For example, **i**nsect

<u>A very special message</u>

Congratulations to Miss Kirby and her partner for welcoming their little girl to the world. Baby Evelyn is happy, healthy and settling into home with Miss Kirby.

Forest School

Mrs Archibald will be leading the Nursery forest school sessions this term. She would like to request some parent volunteers to support the exciting activities here. There is a sign up sheet outside the Nursery door with dates available for your information. Further information about forest school, including what's needed, health and safety information and how it works is attached to the newsletter.



Class Group Photographs

On <u>Monday 22nd April</u>, we will be having our Class group photograph taken. Children should be dressed in full school uniform. Thank you in advance!