



monthly Newsletter

MARCH 2026



Little Reminders

- Please can you let us know if your child is going to be off and the reason for that. If unwell, can you please let us know so we can track any illnesses in line with our infection control procedures?
- Can you please ensure any toys or resources from home stay at home as these can get lost, broken or cause general distress for children at nursery?
- Can you please check the contents of your child's bag that they bring to nursery? Please ensure your child has at least 1 full set of spare clothes in their bag as we can run out of spare clothes (especially socks). Also, please make sure there are no medication or food items in your child's bag as other children may try to access this or it may be spilled in the nursery.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday the 30th of March - schools closed**
- **Friday the 3rd and Monday the 6th of April - Nursery closed**
- **Tuesday the 7th of April - Nursery re-opens**
- **Tuesday the 14th of April - School open**
- **Week of the 30th of March - Stay and Play week - Garden development**

Health and Wellbeing

If your child experiences sickness or diarrhoea, please notify nursery of absence and be 48 hours clear of symptoms before returning your child to nursery. More information can be found here: [Gastroenteritis - NHS Inform](#)

Garden Development

We are looking to develop our outdoor area in the nursery after a very harsh winter. The nursery staff have previously asked for any support in this from our families, with a particular focus on resources that can be used and help to put these changes in place. We have been very fortunate to have a number of parents and family members who have offered to help and have been in touch with resources they can bring to the nursery. We are extremely grateful and would love to invite our families into the nursery in the week of the 30th of March to our Stay and Play development days. We have gained ideas from our children, staff and family members to develop these areas and look forward to putting these in place. Please let staff know your availability so we can plan this week accordingly.

Communication

We hope that you feel you can come into the nursery and chat to a member of our team if required throughout the week. However, if you can't speak to us at collection or drop off times, and need to speak to a member of staff about any concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch by telephone. You can also arrange for an appointment to speak to a member of staff in person if required.

If you need to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team then please contact Mrs Warden.

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PLANNING AND LEARNING

The children have been learning about different modes of transport over the past few weeks. We began with vehicles that used the roads and talked about how the children travelled to nursery each day. This led to talks of different kinds of cars and community walks to try to find these around West Calder. The children enjoyed using creative materials to make their own vehicles, roads and maps to represent their ideas and use in role play scenarios.

This focus extended to transportation in the sky with airplanes being a massive hit around the room. We made our own airport and airplane in the house corner where the children took on various roles to share their own experiences and ideas of travelling around the world. This was also represented in our small world play and out in our garden. The children experiences plane spotting and tracked these on our flight radar map where we explored various countries around the world.

To conclude the focus, the children were learning about trains and ships. We had explored cargo ships, pirate ships and smaller boats used in rivers and canals. The children created their own to use in experiments to investigate what materials help to float or sink. Also, this led to a smaller theme of pirates where the children dressed up as pirates, dug for treasure and read stories and learned songs about these. We will continue to follow the children's lead in their learning for our next focus so please share any interests from home that we can explore further.

THE BOOK NOOK

If you don't have the book at home, why not watch this video of the story with your child

(click on the links underlined below)

Pete the Cat's Train Trip



HERE ARE SOME SONGS THAT YOU CAN SING TOGETHER:



The Wheels on the bus



Down at the station

Home Learning

- Can you create a mode of transport at home with your family?
- Can you share any experiences of transport you have been on or plan to use on your Seesaw page?



5 Little Men in a flying saucer