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Our Learning

During the past couple of months, the children have been thoroughly enjoying our outdoor area and exploring the wildlife found here. This has led to a focus on 'Mini-beasts' where the children have been using binoculars, magnifying glasses and exploration trays to explore lots of miniature creatures found in the garden. We have been using books, videos and different methods of technology to help identify each creature by focusing on their features including patterns, colours or numbers of legs. This has supported children in their development of numeracy skills. The children have then been creating homes for the creatures by helping to build a new bug hotel in the garden from loose parts.

Also, the children have been exploring stories connected to the tiny animals such as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Monkey Puzzle' to understand the process of how the creatures grow and what they need. The children have used this knowledge to reenact the story with puppets, wooden spoons or costumes within their role play. This has led to many children creating their own stories, using themes from these books to support their imagination while playing.

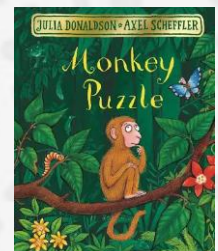
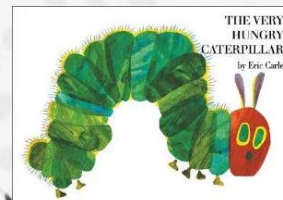
Finally, we have our very own caterpillars within the nursery that we are continuing to look after until they cocoon and turn into butterflies. Each day, the nursery children have been observing the progress of the caterpillars and helping to care for them, ensuring they have enough food and daylight. We hope to continue this until the butterflies appear and we can set them free into the wild.

Book Nook

Here are links to the stories we have been enjoying in nursery to support our learning:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7JiKdKA7hY>



Music Time

Here are links to some of the songs we have been learning too:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QjGPmnuAalY&list=RDQjGPmnuAalY&start_radio=1

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aypivOn1wzY&list=RDaypivOn1wzY&start_radio=1



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Sports Day

We have planned to have our Sport's Day on Wednesday the 3rd of June, if the weather allows (we will confirm this by Monday the 1st of June).

We will hold two sports day sessions:

- 10.30am and 11.30am
- 2pm and 3pm.

If your child attends only one of these sessions, they will participate in the session they attend. If your child attends a full day session, they will attend both sessions. If your child does not attend this day, you can bring your child along to join in a session of your choice.

We would love to invite our families into the nursery field to participate in the activities with your child or support them as they take part in each station. Due to the high number of children, we can only allow 2 adults into the field for each child to support them. However, other family members are welcome to cheer all the children from the surroundings of the nursery field.

After the children have participated in all stations, there will be an opportunity for the children to have a drink and a snack, before they will be awarded a certificate and a small medal.

Can you help?

After your amazing support with our garden development over the past couple of months, we would love to continue to develop our outdoor area even more. If you have any of the following that you could donate to the nursery, this would be greatly appreciated:

- Shells;
- Acorns, pine cones, sticks;
- Jar lids, curtain rings;
- Pipettes;
- Tea, coffee or sugar canisters;

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 3rd June - Nursery Sport's Day
10.30am - 11.30am or 2pm - 3pm
Families welcome to join

Friday the 26th of June - Last day of school term - Nursery remains open during school Summer holidays;

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Staffing Update: Key Groups

We have some new staff members who have joined our team and will now be keyworkers to each group.

Please find the staff allocated below:

Pink Group - Miss Aitken and Mrs Smith

Red Group - Mrs Preston and Miss Nisbet

Yellow Group - Mrs Gold

Orange Group - Miss Burgess

Purple Group - Mr Jamil

Green Group - Mr Jassey

Blue Group - Miss Mahmood

You will receive an email to state which group your child is in and who their keyworker will be. However, please feel free to speak a team member if you need to.

Transition Dates - June

The following transition events are taking place in June:

- **Thursday 4th June 6-7pm:** Parent/Carer Information Evening – Dining Hall
- **Wednesday 10th June 9.15-10.00am:** Meet the Buddies session for preschool children (parent/carers can wait in Dining Hall)
- **Friday 19th June:**
P1 Meet the Teacher session
1.00-1.30pm or 1.45-2.15pm
Session will be allocated once classes are confirmed. Parent/carers can wait in the Dining Hall during session

Gentle Reminders

- Please can we ask all parents to label their child's clothing as we have a lot of belongings left in the nursery and are unable to give these back to the rightful owner.
- Please can you be aware of the nursery session times to ensure your child is not coming into nursery before their session begins and is collected before their session ends.