



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter April 2024

World Book Day

It was World Book Day on the Thursday 7th March and it was astonishing to see so many children dressed up— we would like to say a massive thank you to all parents for working so hard to create some really wonderful costumes! The staff team dressed up too. We had a wonderful day of sharing stories and looking at books- what a special day this always is each year. Please see our lovely pictures.



Celebrating Easter



Despite the very wet weather we celebrated Easter, completed Easter activities, went on Easter Egg hunts and had a very special visit from The Easter Bunny!!



Mummies Afternoon



On Tuesday 5th March we welcomed our mummies into Nursery to enjoy a session completing activities with their children.

As you can see from the photographs this was a very enjoyable afternoon.



Living Eggs Arrive



Every year we invest and purchase the "Living Eggs Programme"

This is a specially designed programme for Early Years settings and schools where eggs are delivered to us and they are guaranteed to hatch within a few days.

The eggs arrived on Monday 11th March and by Wednesday 13th March the children were actually watching them hatch.

We had 10 eggs and a total of 8 chicks hatched. We learnt how to tell the difference between boys and girls, so we have 5 girls and 3 boys. The chicks are now growing well and we have now housed them in a chick house outside the Big Squirrel's door for all the children to enjoy and watch.



Ladybirds Learning Activities in March 2024



Enjoying looking at my reflection!



Building together.



Sand tray fun.



Exploring with colours and marks.



Making dens.



Fun with the tunnel!



Playing in the Under the Sea sensory tray.



Enjoying a story.



Exploring the play dough.

Hedgehogs Learning Activities in March 2024



Exploring the pasta sensory tray.



Creating marks in the flour with vehicles.



Practicing our balancing skills.



Creative fun with the paint.



Rolling and cutting the play dough.



Keeping an eye on Nursery chicks.



Rolling and cutting shapes in the dough.



Mark making on the bubble wrap.



Creating structures.



Fun time on the boat in the meadow.



Saying hello to the chicks.

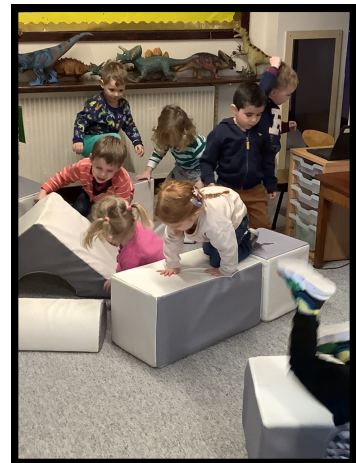
Little Squirrels Learning Activities in March 2024



Getting creative with the magnets.



Scooping and pouring



Soft play fun.



Up and over!



Fun in the meadow on the climbing tree.



Making some Easter treats.



The Little Squirrels Pirates!



Busy time in Little Squirrels Bakery.



Giving our friends a helping hand.



What's in the box?

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in March 2024



Exploring the ice we found.



Water tray fun.



Pond dipping.



Making egg sandwiches for snack.



Looking at 3D shapes.



Creating our real life chick pictures.



Looking for signs of spring.



Creating Easter Bunnies for our snack.



Using sticky shapes to create our pictures.



Making egg and cress sandwiches.



Growing cress.

Thank you to.....

Rory's family

Thank you to Rory's family who have donated a selection of books, puzzles and games. This was very kind of you and the children are enjoying these new resources.

Thank you so much for thinking of us,



Angus's Family

Thank you to Angus's family who very kindly donated a busy board for the children to explore and play with in Ladybirds.

This was very kind of you and the children have been having lots of fun exploring this new resource.

Thank you so much.



Big Squirrels visit Poppy's Farm

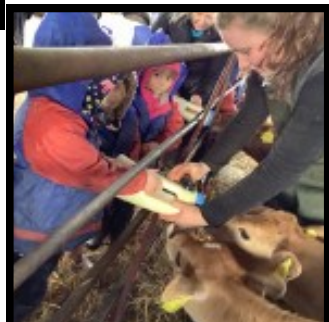


Big Squirrels had a fantastic time visiting Poppy's farm, on Wednesday 27th March, meeting the dairy cows and calves.

We saw how the cows are prepared for milking and the machines which are used and where all the milk is stored. We then met the calves and gave them some milk and had a great time taking part in an Easter egg hunt.

We then enjoyed our picnic tea in the barn finishing with a lovely warm hot chocolate.

A big thank you to Poppy's Mummy and Daddy for wonderful afternoon.



Magic Moments

Please let us know if your child has done something exciting at home and we will celebrate it here with a Wow Certificate! It is really wonderful to see our children taking steps forward in their learning and development and they also love sharing their certificates with their friends during Circle Time.

Ladybirds: Congratulations to **Ronan** for pulling yourself up and standing with support. Well done to **Felix** for practicing feeding yourself independently with a spoon. Congratulations to **Edith** and **Wilf** for settling so well in Ladybirds. Well done to **Daisy** and **Penelope** for great cooperation with dressing yourselves and putting your shoes on and off and congratulations to **Hazel** for standing independently.

Hedgehogs: Congratulations to **Laurie** for completing some amazing independent walking in Hedgehogs.

Little Squirrels: Well done to **Harry** for being a helpful big brother.

Big Squirrels: Well done to **Jack** for getting dressed independently. Congratulations to **Bobby B** for getting dressed so quickly and independently to arrive early for Nursery, Also, a very well done to **Sebastian W** for getting dressed and undressed so well- well done boys, you are all doing so well.

Congratulations to all of you superstars!

Dates for your diary

Hedgehog Parent Day

Just a quick summary of some important dates for your diaries with more details to follow:-

Tuesday April 16th- School allocation Day for pre-school children. As soon as you know your school please inform Grace/Laura and we will then begin to invite Reception teachers to Countryside.

Monday 6th May- Nursery Closed- Bank Holiday

Monday 27th May- Nursery Closed-Bank Holiday

Friday 7th June- 8-30am-10-00am Open Morning for Dad's whose child attends on this day (in conjunction with NBPCC- The Childhood Daily Mile)

Tuesday 9th July- Sports Days 9-30-11-30 Hedgehogs

Tuesday 9th July- Sports days 1-30-3-30pm Little Squirrels

Wednesday 10th July—Sports with leavers ceremony—timings to be confirmed

For this month it is the opportunity for the Hedgehogs to run their parents days. Therefore, if any parents would like to speak with their child's key person about their child's progress, please either message us on Tapestry or via email and we will arrange a suitable date/time for you to either meet in person with us, or alternatively complete a telephone call.