

St Mary's Nursery School

"The creation of something new is not accomplished by the intellect but by the play instinct." – Carl Jung



APRIL Newsletter



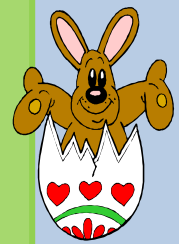
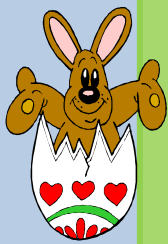
School Holidays

School will finish at 11.30am on
Thursday 14th April

Friday 15th April
is a Staff Development Day for staff training

School will be closed:
Monday 18th to Friday 22nd April (inclusive)
for our Easter Break

We will reopen as usual on
Monday 25th April



Extra-Curricular Activities

We are delighted to be able to facilitate Rugbytots for 4 sessions! These fun, structured play sessions take the children on a journey of sporting imagination with engaging and energetic coaches supporting them every step of the way. This will be a safely facilitated outdoor programme. Our first session will be on Wednesday 6th April, with three more to enjoy in April/May.



Parent Workshops

The Meditation Workshop will continue this month.

Road Traffic Awareness

Safety on the farm and in the countryside shall be developed. Lots of discussions around dangerous farm machinery and the importance of washing your hands after touching animals, soil etc shall be encouraged.

Curriculum Matters:

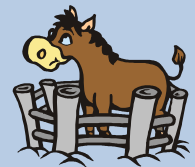
Maths for the month

This month's colour is brown. We will be mixing the primary colours to mix brown – so expect messy hands and uniforms! Encourage your child to look out for this colour and shape in their environment. Our shape for this month is oval ● .

Topics for the month



The topic for this month is The Farm. The children will be exploring the concepts of heavy / light. We will also be discussing taller / shorter, modelling the language and fostering their use of mathematical language.



Lots of activities shall involve produce from the farm: chopping vegetables in the house corner, making soup / butter, and exploring the ideas of where yoghurt, milk, pasta etc comes from. Lots of language / activities will continue to centre around changes: seasons, how food changes when cooked, animals change when they grow etc.



We will have good fun before our Easter Break taking part in some traditional activities!



The Time to Talk programme is ongoing and we are developing their listening and turn-taking skills. Friendships are being fostered and nurtured, and respect for ourselves, others and living things are being promoted. Overall body management skills are continually being developed. As always we are also ensuring that all this learning is enjoyable and fun for our children.

Talking Tip

Help your child develop good language and communication skills with this tip:

- Always respond in some way when your child says something.
- Try to extend their language and thinking skills with open ended questions.

You can help your child at home by...

1. Encouraging them to help in the garden - planting and raking the grass cuttings and talk about recycling in the bin - nurture their awareness of their environment.
2. Allowing them to peg the clothes up to develop their finger muscles in preparation for writing.
3. Encourage good scissor grip and control by letting them cut out of magazines and newspapers whilst being supervised.

Happy
Easter

