

# April Eco News



## Outdoor Learning

Both classes have had their first visit to Forest School, we learnt about the Forest and the animals that live there. We worked with a friend to make homes for our hoglets and made sure to find a good hiding place for them under lots of dirt so the fox wouldn't find them! We also made our own hedgehogs from clay.

## Planting

We have been very busy in our outdoor environment during the last few months, preparing our planting beds for growing. We have been helping to weed and prepare the soil, it was a messy job!! Mrs Duncan has been to the Garden Centre and bought us peas, beetroot and onions (red and white) which we have planted inside but it's too cold to put them out in the garden just yet! We are caring for them inside until the weather gets warmer and have been taking turns to help spray them with water. We will be observing the growth of beans by putting them in food bags and sticking to out windows.

## Healthy Living

We have been enjoying play in our Fruit and Vegetable shop, we like helping to sort the fruit into the right boxes and talk about our favourites. When we buy our items we have been taking them back to the Home Corner to make soup and stew. We are using REAL fruit and vegetables to chop up and make pretend soup, this has given us lots to explore using our senses. Both classes have had the opportunity to taste some fruit and vegetables; we talked about what they looked like and tasted like. Some words we used were 'sour, sweet, sticky, juicy and crunchy.'

## Biodiversity

We are hoping to see more minibeasts in our garden and main playground as the weather becomes warmer. We look forward to going on minibeast hunts, drawing and making some models of what we see. We have begun learning about the lifecycle of a frog and soon the change a caterpillar makes into a butterfly. We will have some small wriggly visitors in Nursery very soon so we can observe this change right in front of our eyes.

## Litter and Recycling

We continue to pick up litter in our garden. If you see any on your way to Nursery you can use out bins to dispose of it. We continue to require SMALL items for our junk art boxes (small boxes, bottle tops, jam jar lids etc.) Please no boxes/ containers that may have contained nuts or egg boxes due to allergies.

The children have been doing so well at putting our rubbish in the correct bins. Please continue to encourage this at home.

In April, we will be participating in 'The Big Spring Clean' in the Local Community. Look out for more details soon.

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