

May Eco News



Outdoor Learning

We hope we will be blessed with lots of good weather during May and are able to spend more time outside as we have lots of jobs and learning to do. We will be learning about Sun Safety (if it appears) and will be particularly focussing on this during Sun Awareness Week (1st- 7th May.) Please take to your children about the importance of wearing sun cream, hats and sunglasses as well as the dangers of sun exposure.

Both classes are really looking forward to our Tuesday visits to Forest School and are keen to learn more about birds, hedgehogs and other creatures that live in the Forest. We are also hoping to learn more about the water based animals.

Planting

We have now planted all our vegetables (celery, onions, peas, cabbage and beetroot) as well as some herbs and wildflowers. Now it's time to care for them and watch them grow. During the next month we will be taking it in turns to water them, using the rain collected in our water butt. We are hoping for lots of sunshine to also help them grow.

Litter and Recycling

We continue to try our best to reduce our waste in Nursery and will soon be submitting our data for the 'Wheelie Big Challenge.' We have made our 'Plastic Promise'- to only use metal cutlery and reusable or compostable bowls and plates for our food.

During April, we participated in 'The Big Spring Clean.' We continued to pick up litter in our garden and playground and began to safely pick up litter around the perimeter of the Nursery grounds. See our website for some photos.

Thank you so much for all your recycled materials. We have had great fun making junk models and using them to create some Temporary Art pictures.

Biodiversity

We have begun to see more small creatures in our playground and side garden and have had great fun observing their movements then copying. We are lucky enough to already have one large Bug Hotel in our main playground but would really like to create one together in our side garden.

If you have any old pieces of carpet, large bricks, stones, tubing or anything else you think these creatures would like to live in, we would really appreciate these. Please leave at the entrance to Nursery and inform a member of staff.

Actions

Walk to School Week begins on 20th May, weather permitting please try to get involved. We appreciate that some children live a little farther away but why not park a little further away (Library or the Shop) and walk from there.

We would encourage you to participate in Plantlife's 'No Mow May.' This means you don't cut your grass for the month of May in order to protect our wildlife and let wildflowers grow. The wildflowers provide a feast for pollinators (bees and butterflies), tackle pollution and lock away atmospheric carbon below ground.