

HEVINGHAM UNDER 5's NEWSLETTER



May 2023

What we have been doing:

We have had a productive April and have been getting the garden summer ready; we have also been continuing to explore how to move our bodies and have been practicing our fine motor skills.

Garden

The children have been helping us get the garden summer ready, they've been discussing what they would like to have out in the summer house and garden to play with. They have particularly been enjoying helping to dig our new mud kitchen area! While digging we've found so many insects that have created lots of learning opportunities for the children.

While getting the garden prepared, we noticed a few things that we're missing in the garden that may have been broken or are just old, we are currently looking for donations of:

- Buckets and spades
- Kitchen utensils
- Wooden logs
- Large paint brushes
- Spray bottles
- Watering cans
- Plant pots
- Bamboo sticks

These are all items the children use daily when at nursery.

Growing

Over the last month we have been busy planting different seeds that some of the children bought while at the garden center. So far, we have planted tomatoes, strawberries, onions, broad beans, peppers, cucumbers, pumpkins, rosemary, and

sunflowers. We have noticed the seeds have started to sprout and we now have small shoots. We are currently developing our growing area and will hopefully start to plant some of our young plants outside soon!

Caterpillars

Our little caterpillars have arrived at nursery this week and we have already started to notice the changes, as they are growing bigger.

We are currently reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Little Caterpillar', which both talk about the life cycle of caterpillars. This has led to many discussions about the changes the caterpillars are going to go through.

Gross Motor Fun!

We have continued to explore how to move our bodies and have been practising our stretches/yoga poses. The children have had a big interest in this and will now often demonstrate the poses throughout the day to show how well they can hold their poses!

We have recently started to practising for sports day which is happening on Thursday 8th June (more details will be announced soon) and the children are doing well so far!

Fine Motor Skills

We have been focusing on the children's fine motor skills to help prepare them for their writing journey when they start school.

Unless the children have strengthened their muscles in their hands, wrist and arms they will find writing and creating marks difficult.

Activities the children have been doing to support their fine motor:

- Plastic bands put over pringle tubes
- Transferring objects using tweezers and small objects
- Play dough and loose parts
- Scissors and paper or play dough
- Threading - beads or cards

Supersonic Phonic Friends

The children have learnt the saying for the sounds for S, A, T, P, I, N, M, D, G, O, C, K, CK, E, U, R, H, B, F, and L. We will update Tapestry with the new sayings of the sounds the children have learnt over the last few weeks.

They are now seeing the letter for the sounds on their flash cards to which has been supporting their readiness for phonics.

They have been continuing with their phonic session and have been continuing to learn about rhyming words, and listening for the initial sounds.

We would like to thank the parents/carers that joined us for the phonics café, the children loved having you in to support them with their phonics journey.

Changing Weather

As the weather is beginning to get warmer, please continue to dress your child appropriately and send them with a change of clothes in their bags, this will now include bringing a sun hat and cream.

We would appreciate if we could have labeled sun cream to keep at nursery for the summer term as this means the children can access the garden during the hot sunny days.

Tapestry

We would love to see what you got up to over the Easter holidays, please could you upload some images onto Tapestry so the children can share their news now that we are back.

Reminders

- We do PE on a Monday and Thursday and some Tuesdays, please make sure your child is in comfortable clothing and their hair is up.
- We encourage a healthy meal at lunchtime, please could your child/ren have a fruit or vegetable option in their lunch.
- Please could your child/ren bring a bag with spare clothes, as they are likely to need to be changed at some point during the day.
- Please could your child/ren bring a water bottle with them every day.
- If your child is still using nappies, please ensure an ample supply of nappies, wipes and cream are put in their bags each day

Key Dates

Tues 16th May - Whole School Photos

Fri 26th May - Break the Rules Day

Fri 26th May - Break for Half Term

Thurs 8th June - Sports Day