

HEVINGHAM UNDER 5's NEWSLETTER



Friday 31st March 2023

What we have been doing:

We have been super busy the last two months in Bumble Bees, we have been learning about Fairy Tales, Spring, Planting and Numbers! We have also been making some changes to the garden as well to get prepared for our growing adventures!

Valentin's Stay & Play

We wanted to say a BIG thank you to all of the parents and grandparents that joined us for our Valentine's Stay and Play! We had lots of fun activities out to help us talk about the Love Colour Monster which the children all enjoyed taking part at with their parents/grandparents.



Pancake Day

The children all joined in celebrating Pancake Day at nursery by trying a tasty scotch pancake with lemon and sugar on it. We each took it in turns to toast the pancakes, and added lemon and sugar (if we wanted), and then did the all-important taste test. We discussed if we have ever tried pancakes before and what toppings we like on them.

Fairy Tales

We have been learning about fairy tales, focusing predominantly on The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We read the stories a number of times, which helped the children, learn the stories well; they could answer questions about the main characters and what happened in the story. The children used different items from the story sacks to retell the stories and put on a number of productions at nursery for us to watch!



Gross Motor Fun!

Over the last few weeks in our PE sessions we have been using the large climbing apparatus in the hall. The children's confidence has significantly improved and they all explored the apparatus at their own level and stage of development/risk assessment of height. The children used their upper and lower body when climbing on the apparatus and demonstrated good strength! Some of the children used the monkey bars and demonstrated how they could hang, swing and pull their lower bodies up to the bars too!

We have also been joined in the hall by the Reception children in Hedgehogs, they have been demonstrating to the Bumble Bees how to climb in a variety of ways.



World Book Day

We saw some brilliant outfits on world book day and the children have also been enjoying sharing their favourite books from home!

If the children would like to bring a book in to share with us at nursery they can, please just add their name into the book.



Playground Visits

Recently we have been for some visits on the playground at play time for the big school children, the Bumble Bees have all enjoyed this time exploring with the older children and playing with their siblings. The big children have been teaching us some new games to play!



Garden Preparations

The children have been helping Chloe prepare the garden for growing our own vegetables, fruits, and herbs. In the process of getting the garden prepared we have been digging out a new mud pit, while diggin we have found lots of different insects such as worms, ants and woodlice. This has been very exciting and the children have all loved helping dig the mud to find the bugs.

Some of us was luck enough to go on a trip to the Taverham Garden Centre to buy some seeds for the nursery garden, the children decided they would like to grow; strawberries, carrots, peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers and pumpkins. We also bought some chives, mint and rosamary seed to grow for in our mud kitchen.



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, next half term we will be learning L, LL, FF, SS, J, and V. We will update tapestry with the new sayings of the sounds the children have learnt over the last few weeks. They have been continuing with their phonic session and have been continuing to learn about rhyming words, and listening for the initial sounds.

The next Phonics Café is Monday 24th April; we would love for as many of you to join us as you can.



Fun Activities We've Done!

The last couple of months we have been doing lots of fun activities, here is a list of the few we have really enjoyed doing at nursery!

- Exploring Gloop (cornflour and water mixed together) adding watery paint using syringes
- Body Painting - large paper over the floor, adding paint to the paper and exploring using our feet, hands, legs and arms.
- Chalk Colour Mixing - wet small pieces of chalk, using different items to smash the chalk pieces, mix the broken chalk together.
- Matching Quantities - numbers, numacon, pompoms, putting them into the correct groups.
- Creating Marks - tin foil in tray, add paint and cards or dinosaurs to create marks.



Changing Weather

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

If we would appreciate if we could have a 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 get up to over the Easter holidays, please could you upload some images onto tapestry so the children can share their news when we come back.

Reminders

- We do PE on a Monday and Thursday, 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.
- Please could your child/ren bring a water bottle with them.

Key Dates

Tues 18th Apr - Return to School

Mon 24th Apr - Phonics Café

Fri 28th Apr - International Dance Day (dress up)

Mon 1st May - Bank Holiday

