



### What we have been doing?

We have been super busy since returning from our Easter Holidays. We have welcomed lots of new friends and are helping them all to settle in well at nursery. We have also been lucky enough to get more donations of toys/resources from lots more lovely people so thank you all very much. Welcome also to Charlotte who will be with us for this summer term!

### Mess in our Garden

It appears that an animal is using our front garden for their toilet. The staff will check each morning as we enter, but as we do not use this garden during the day, could you please just let any of the staff know if you see anything when you collect. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

### Parachute play



During our time in the hall on a Friday, We have been enjoying some fun with the parachute. The children have learnt some new games, cat and mouse and the washing machine. Hopefully they have told you all about them.

### Chinese Dance Workshop



We were very lucky to be invited to take part with The Education Group and their Chinese Dragon dancing workshop. The children all sat beautifully and listened to the lady talk about all her lovely things that she had brought with her. We started off with a little warm up so our bodies were all ready to dance. Our first dance was the fan dance and the children each held a beautifully made fan and copied the actions they had been shown. The second dance was a dragon parade, with the children making up the dragon and others following behind with pretty parasols. They all had so much fun

### Writing our names!

The children now have their own name cards to help them to write or recognise their names. The older children have been working really hard on their fine motor skills tracing over their names and then having a fantastic attempt independently. Some of the younger children have been tracing over some simple patterns, developing their fine motor skills. Everyone has done an amazing job.

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### Outside Play



Due to the return of the warmer weather, we have been spending lots of time in our garden. The children have enjoyed having the diggers in the sand, sea creatures in the water and exploring spaghetti seaweed.

Please could you ensure your child has a sun hat and sun cream for us to apply.

Outdoor learning benefits children's cognitive development by promoting problem solving, critical thinking, and creativity. When children play outdoors, they are presented with countless opportunities to explore, experiment and learn through trial and error. It also allows children to develop self-confidence, independence and self-esteem. They also become aware of limits, boundaries and challenge in their play. When children are used to playing outdoors they are more likely to try new activities.

### Lunch Boxes

We sent a letter this week to inform you of some current guidance regarding food in lunchboxes. Earlier this year, the Government updated the Early Years Framework including guidance around ways in which settings are expected to keep the children in their care safe. As the children's safety is our top priority, we thought it would be helpful to send a polite reminder regarding safe food preparation for children under the age of 5. This aims to reduce the risk of choking. The below information is directly from the gov.uk website. **Food safety advice for children age 5 and under-** <https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/safeguarding-and-welfare/food-safety>



### Key Dates

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday-Nursery closed

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>- Phonics café-TBC

Fri 26<sup>th</sup>- School closes for half term

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