



10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

This week we have been learning all about spring, flowers, and growth!

This week the children have:

- Read 'Oliver's vegetables, planting a seed, jasper's beanstalk'.
- Used resources to role play growing a flower from start to finish. They used pots, watering can, rake, spade etc.
- Talked about the life cycle of a frog. They talked about how tadpoles grow into frogs. The children watched water beads grow and we talked about the process.
- Planted egg cress seeds in pots using cotton wool.
- Played with our 'messy spring themed' tuff tray.
- Played in our 'Florist' role play area with real flowers, pots and seeds.
- Made flowers to play with in the 'Florist' shop. They used cupcake cases, lollypop sticks and tissue paper.
- Practised recognising numbers 1-10. We hid the numbers under the parachute and asked the children to find the correct one.
- Painted and decorated their Mother's day cards ready for next week.

We have been focusing on rhyming and alliteration. Please see poster's attached for fun ideas to learn phonics at home!

Next week the topic will continue to about growing. Please can you send in any baby pictures for the children to share. We will be talking about how we grow as adults.

### Important information

- Stay and play Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 8.45am-10.00am - please see poster attached.
- We will be holding face to face ten min parent appointments W/C 13<sup>th</sup> March - Your child's key worker will speak to you to arrange a meeting time.
- Woolly animal's trip - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

- Red nose day - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

### Funding information for Summer Term

In order to access 30 hour funding from Summer Term 2023 (which for funding purposes starts on 1st April 2023), parents need to have applied to HMRC through their Government Gateway Account and received a code by 31st March 2023. Any codes with an 'eligible from' date of 1st April onwards will not be funded in Summer 2023.

It is important that children who are newly funded, or who move to a new setting from 1st April 2023, still have an eligible code as the Grace Period will not apply. The Grace Period does not apply to children who want to increase from the universal hours to extended hours when eligibility has ended either.