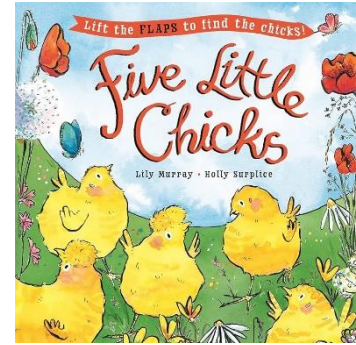


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This week our focus topic has been 'Easter'. We have read books such as, Hot cross bunny, five little chicks and Spots first Easter.



Activities this week at pre-school:

- Easter paintings! The children painted an egg using pastel Easter colours. They painted using pom poms dipped in paint to make spots.
- Natural Easter egg hunt! The children went on a hunt around the school for different flowers and leaves to decorate an Easter egg. They put them on a sticky shaped Easter egg.
- Baking Easter nests using melted chocolate and shredded wheat. The children then had them for snack later in the day.
- Tasting Hot cross buns! The children tried hot cross buns for their morning snack. They tried to butter their own hot cross bun.
- Easter shop! The children played in an Easter themed role play area. They had Easter bunny ears, egg boxes, toy chicks, toy bunnies, Easter eggs etc.
- The children played with mini chicks. They had to find and pick them out of the pretend grass.
- The children decorated lots of Easter eggs using different craft materials.

Next week the topic will be EASTER! Please bring in any books about Easter

Important information

- Lou is starting an exciting new job at Petroc after the Easter holidays. Her last day with our pre-school team will be Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. If Lou was your child's key worker, you will receive an email about the change in who their key worker will be.
- We are trialling a new way of sending home the children's lovely artwork. We are going to send home the children's work at the end of each term. This will also include any observations and photos from the term. We feel it will be nice for parents to look through the folder with their child and see what they have been getting up to.

- Please send in any photos of the children enjoying Easter activities from previous years to share at circle time.
- Honey Farm Trip - **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** - please see details below
- Send in any WOW moments for the children or photos of experiences from their half term to: [pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org).

Dear Parents/Carers,

On **Tuesday 26th March** we are planning to take the children in Taw and Cudden class on a trip to The Quince Honey Farm. During the visit the children will learn about bees, observe honey being harvested, make a candle, explore the gardens and have a play in the Hive Play Area. The PTFA have kindly offered to subsidise the cost of the trip, so the cost per child will be £10.50, which includes coach travel and entrance to the Honey Farm. Please pay via Eduspot/SchoolMoney.

If your child does not usually attend Pre-School on this day they are welcome to join us but in order to cover staff/child ratios your child must be accompanied with a paying adult. Unfortunately, we do not have capacity on the coach to take additional children/parents so we would ask that you make your own way to The Honey Farm and meet us there. The entrance cost would be £9.50 per child Payable via Eduspot/SchoolMoney. Please speak to a member of EYFS staff if you have any questions regarding this.

We will be departing and returning within usual school hours. Reception children must wear their school T-shirt and jumper, everyone needs to wear warm trousers, footwear that may get muddy (we recommend wellies!), a waterproof coat. We will be eating lunch at The Honey Farm, if you require a school packed lunch there is an option of cheese or ham roll which you are able to book on Eduspot/SchoolMoney, otherwise children may bring their own packed lunch. We request that there are no nuts, sweets or fizzy drinks. All children will need to bring a drink in a refillable drinks bottle. School will provide a snack. If you are meeting us there, please could you bring your child a packed lunch, we ask that you do not book your child a school packed lunch via Eduspot if your child is not attending school that day. If your child wears nappies or is toilet training please ensure that you provide enough nappies/changes of clothes, wipes for the day. Please could your child bring a small named backpack in which to carry their lunch, drink, nappies etc.

To summarise: Your child will need...

- Waterproof coat
- Warm clothes (Reception children – school jumper, own bottoms)
- Shoes that can get muddy (wellies)
- Packed lunch – Either from home or a school lunch booked via Eduspot
- Refillable water bottle
- Nappies, wipes/changes of clothes if required In order for the trip to take place we would be very grateful of parent helpers.

If you do not have a relevant DBS Certificate please speak to a member of EYFS staff who will be able to help you with this. If you do have any issues booking your child's ticket/lunch through Eduspot/SchoolMoney, please do let us know, you can email [families@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:families@bishopstawton-primary.org) and we will be happy to help. Warm Regards The EYFS Team