



17th March 2023

This week we have been learning all about spring, flowers, and growth! We have also been talking and Mother's Day.

This week the children have:

- Planted a sunflower seed to take home. They decorated the pots using tissue paper.
- Dressed up for Red nose day in mismatched clothes!
- Painted faces with a red nose.
- Played pin the red nose on the person
- Started growing some beans in a bag to see how roots develop after planting something. We will be watching the bean grow roots over the next couple of weeks.
- Dipped white flowers in different coloured water to watch them change colour.
- Used coffee filters to paint the main part of a flower. We have displayed them on the board or in the window.
- Enjoyed a stay and play morning on Wednesday - thank you to everyone who attended!

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 be Easter! Please bring in any Easter books for the children to share at circle time.

Important information

- Woolly animal's trip - **Tuesday 21st March**. Don't forget it is our trip to Woolley animals on Tuesday, it is forecast to rain so please wear warm, waterproof clothes as we will be going whatever the weather. Remember to wear your school jumper, warm clothes, wellington boots, waterproof coat, hat, gloves (if cold), bring your lunch (unless having a school packed

lunch) and a drink in a named backpack. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions.

- We are in need of a baby gate if anyone has one they would be happy to donate.

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.