Current learning focus: Springtime and Planting 
*How can you help at home?*

August 2018

We are currently discussing the signs of spring. The children have been showing lots of curiosity when out in the garden, discussing the first signs of spring and looking at the flowers growing in the garden. We have been discussing the changes that happen in spring and the children have been wanting to choose some new plants and vegetables to plant in the nursery garden. The children will be encouraged to look out for weather changes and any new colours and patterns that are beginning to emerge in the environment. The children will be playing a very hands-on role in helping to plant the seeds and to help care for the plants and vegetables.

Our literacy focus is to encourage the children to ask appropriate questions and talk about any new findings. We will explore new words and phrases to help them express their ideas, thoughts and feelings. The children will be encouraged to engage in conversations with others about their findings.

*Ways you can help:*

* Discuss the weather changes as winter draws to a close.
* Encourage your child to ask questions about any new findings.
* Look out for new flowers appearing and discuss with your child.

Our focus for numeracy and mathematics is to explore amounts and sizes in the world around us and to keep measurements of our seeds and bulbs as they grow.

*Ways you can help:*

* Encourage your child to count different things around the home and outside environments.
* If planting seeds or bulbs talk about the amount and the different shapes and sizes.
* Go on a scavenger hunt in the garden or woods looking for different coloured flowers.

Our Health and Wellbeing focus is about caring for living things and looking after our plants in the nursery garden. This helps the children to take care of themselves and others.

*Ways you can help:*

* Encourage your child to be independent at home and to help you with some chores at home. Choose a task for them to help with and encourage their independence.

Please remember you can share your child’s home learning in their online learning journal. If your child would like to share any of their learning and discoveries please encourage them to bring them into nursery to share their experiences!

Thanks Nursery Team.