

Newsletter February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

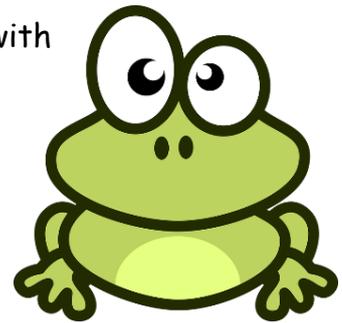


We would like to WELCOME all of our new starters to the nursery, Wren, Tariro and Fletcher. We hope that they have lots of fun joining in with the planned activities and make lots of new friends.

A big congratulations to Ashika for passing her Maths exam as part of her Level 2 Apprenticeship – it won't be long until she is fully qualified.

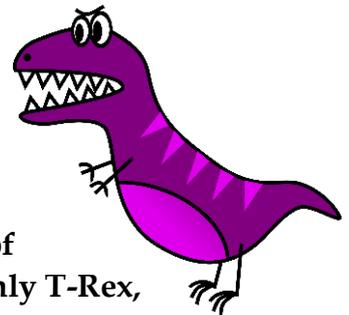
Well Done Abbie on passing your driving test first time!

Theme of the Month - Spring and Baby Animals - To begin with we will be exploring the first signs of spring, including the sprouting of daffodils in the garden and around the village, getting on lots of walks. Those green fingers will be making an appearance as the children put on their wellies and get digging in the garden to prepare it for the warmer months. Fingers crossed we will be able to get some frogspawn later in the month to observe grow and follow the life cycle of a frog.



Reflection on Winter – The children have been extremely busy during January exploring what happens during the colder weather. They ventured out to explore the different effects of the weather in the garden, especially writing in the ice and getting ready to go out with gloves, hats and scarves. There has been a wide range of tuff spots involving animals frozen in the ice and the children discussing the best way of rescuing them.

Dinosaurs - Our planning slightly changed in January due to the interests of the children and their fascination with the book, 'Munch, Crunch, Dinosaur' as you may have seen from the new painting on the window! So we had a full week of talking about dinosaurs, making lots of beautiful pictures and finding out lots of interesting facts about them, especially learning their names, mainly T-Rex, Diplodocus, Stegosaurus and Triceratops.



Chinese New Year – Year of the Dragon - Chinese New Year falls on Saturday 10th February this year. We will be celebrating on Friday 9th February with a yummy Chinese banquet, with rice, sweet and sour chicken, noodles and prawn crackers. Chop sticks will also be attempted while we eat our dinner. Our Chinese Dragon will be making another appearance as the children dance around with him, as well as writing our own names with Chinese symbols.

Alpaca Trip – A visit has been arranged for Tuesday 27th February, where we will be meeting the Alpacas, feeding them, learning some interesting facts about them and having a snack in the cafe. Parents, carers and grandparents are more than welcome to come. Letters will be going out shortly for the half day trip by coach to Dry Doddington.



'Safer Internet Day' – We will be talking to the children about what we can and cannot do online and the fun that we can have. It is important to allow children to explore, but they need to stay safe in the process. We will be playing lots of games which will help them understand the importance of being safe on the internet and playing games with our Mummy and Daddies permission.



Practitioner of the Month – For January our 'Wow' goes to Abbie, for her continued determination in the Explorer Room. Once she recognises that a child is ready for toileting, she is there to support the child as well as the parent, making them their own packs for home and encouraging them in the setting with praise and stickers. If you feel that your child is ready, please do speak to Abbie.

Throughout February Rachel will be fundraising for Dementia UK – Walking 1K a day. She will be encouraging the children with activities during the month and getting us out on lots more walks. We will pop her sponsor form in the front foyer if you wish to donate as well as sharing her online form on our Facebook page.



World Book Week! -So no one misses out, we shall make a whole week of this exciting event. Starting on Monday 4th March, the children are invited to come in dressed up as their favourite book character, bringing in their favourite book to share with their friends. You may spot a few of the staff dressed up too!!

Dates for your Diary

- 6th February – 'Safer Internet Day'
- W/C – 12th February – Half Term – No funded children
 - 13th February - Pancake Day
 - 14th February – St. Valentine's Day
 - 27th February – Alpaca Trip
 - 1st March – St. David's Day
- W/C 4th March – World Book Week