



Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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This week at Nursery . . .

This week at Nursery we have started to focus on our new theme, 'Spring and Growth'. The appearance of the sunshine for a few days has certainly helped, allowing us to get outside and make the most of the warmer and brighter weather. We have (finally!) been able to notice some 'signs of spring!'

The children have spent time this week painting still-life pictures of daffodils. During this activity, we named parts of the plant including the stem and petals, and we discussed the things that a plant needs in order to grow. The children were very good at observing the flowers and painted their pictures with great detail.

The children have also enjoyed practising their fine motor skills, using tweezers to retrieve hidden bugs from a tough tray spider web. They have had to squeeze their tweezers into some small spaces and carefully remove the bugs, this has required lots of focus and concentration!



Outside, the children have explored painting on a larger scale. Using a shared canvas, they were invited to try colour mixing. The adults provided the primary colours, and the children were encouraged to mix them to develop more. Some of the children knew that mixing two colours together would create a new one, whilst others enjoyed the opportunity to explore and experiment. This week's home learning challenge encourages you to try this at home, we would love to see your findings on Tapestry!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Alfie



For making amazing friendships and showing positive play skills.

Well done!





At Forest School this week, the children were invited to go on a bug hunt. They searched the woodland space for insects and discovered that the best places to look included underneath logs, stones and in darker spaces in the forest. The children listened really carefully to the expectations of caring for the insects, including returning them once our observations had finished. It was the first Forest School session for many of our children, and they all coped really well in the new and exciting environment!



We are pleased to share that we will be introducing 'Next Steps Library' to the children next week. We have placed a large box of picture books in the front entrance, and we will be encouraging the children to choose a book that they can bring home and share with you. The books can be returned to nursery and exchanged as frequently as you would like. We encourage you to spend time with your child choosing a new one when you drop off or pick up. We will also allow the children to do this, giving them time during the week to make new choices and exchange their book.

Dates for the Diary

Easter: Please note the Nursery will be closed: Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) and will re-open Tuesday 14th April.

Summer Closure: The Nursery will be closed from Monday 3rd August to Friday 14th August inclusive.



Five Little Ducks

Five little ducks went swimming one
day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack quack quack
quack"
And only four little ducks came back!



Four little ducks went swimming one
day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack quack quack
quack"
And only three little ducks came back!



Three little ducks went swimming one
day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack quack quack
quack"
And only two little ducks came back!



Two little ducks went swimming one
day
Over the hill and far away.
Mother duck said, "Quack quack quack
quack"
And only one little duck came back!



One little duck went swimming one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said, "Quack quack quack
quack"
And all her five little ducks came back!

