

## Welcome

Firstly, I would like everyone to give a warm welcome to Joe who is our new Covering Manager whilst Sarah is on Maternity Leave with her beautiful baby girl, Lara.

We have a fantastic Month; we have had the amazing experience of having ducks here, watching them hatch from their eggs to becoming very cheeky ducklings!

We had a lovely turn out at our Mother's Day Stay and Play where the children explored lots of different activities with our mummies. We had an interesting visit from a very nice Policeman who took the time out of his busy day to come read and talk with our children all about the Police. The children learned about the uniform, the vehicles and how to contact the Police if needed.



## What's to come...

Easter is just around the corner, we will be hosting are having a wonderful Easter Stay and Play session on Thursday 2nd April.

Please remember we are closed on the Easter Bank Holidays which fall on the 3rd and 6<sup>th</sup> of April.

## What we have been up to...

In **Hedgehogs**, we were thrilled to welcome the lovely ladies from Jazz Hands Performing Arts for a trial session, which was a huge hit! As a result, they will now be joining us every Thursday, giving the children the chance to explore music and sensory activities while developing their vocabulary. We have also been exploring colours using paints, pencils and vibrant sensory materials. The children have taken great strides in their development with lots of first steps, crawling and even first words.

**Little Toads** have been exploring different flowers and have looked at the lifecycles of them. We have looked at daffodils, tulips and enjoyed the smell of cherry blossom playdough. We have been focusing on mark making using flour, cornflour and paint alongside brushes, animals and stamps to create patterns and shapes. We then explored them further to see what textures and shapes they could see.

In **Owls**, the children have been little scientists, exploring the flow of water and capacity. We have also created a variety of construction-themed experiences, building on the children's key interests. To extend this theme, we added different natural resources, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring.

## Parent Notices

Our car park is a 5mph to ensure the safety of our children and team, please can all parents and visitors abide by the limit.

We do also ask for parents and visitors to park in the back car park and not along the building to allow pedestrians safe passage to and from the car park. Thank you all in advance.

Please note the carpark gate will close at 9 am and reopen again at 5 pm.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Eggstravaganza
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Bank holidays - nursery closed
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Earth Day
23 <sup>rd</sup>	St George's Day

## Recipe of the Month Salmon Thai curry and brown rice

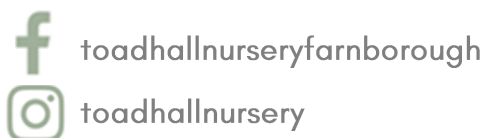
(Serves 6)

### Ingredients

1 onion  
1 tsp garlic  
1 tbsp curry powder  
10g fresh parsley  
1 vegetable stock cube  
800ml boiling water  
400g salmon fillets  
10ml vegetable oil  
80g frozen peas  
100g broccoli  
300g rice

### Method

1. Dice the onion and garlic and finely chop the parsley.
2. Dissolve the stock cube into boiling water.
3. Steam the salmon until cooked through.
4. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a pan and add the onion, cook for 1-2 minutes.
5. Add peas, broccoli and rice and stir.
6. Add stock, curry powder until the rice and vegetables are covered and stir. Leave to simmer until the majority of the stock has been absorbed.
7. Flake the salmon and combine well. Sprinkle with parsley.



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Kind Regards

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