

## Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our March newsletter! February was a fun-filled month, and the children have been busy learning, exploring, and having lots of fun. Take a look at some of the highlights from last month, as well as the exciting things we have planned for March.

## This month

We have lots of exciting things coming up in the month of March and lots to look forward to.

On Thursday 5th March, we are excited to be celebrating World Book Day. We would love all the children to get involved, bringing in their favourite story to share with their friends, and dress up as their favourite book character too. The aim of the day is to celebrate a love of reading and to enjoy sharing stories together. We look forward to seeing the wonderful characters and favourite books the children choose to bring in!



On Monday 16th March, we are delighted to invite all our wonderful mums to join us for a special Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. Join us from 2.30pm and enjoy a lovely afternoon with your child. There will be scones served with cream and jam, along with fresh fruit, and plenty of time to sit together and share this special treat.



On Friday 20th March, we will be taking part in Red Nose Day to help raise money for Comic Relief by dressing in something red. We kindly ask for a small voluntary donation of £1, which will go towards supporting the important work Comic Relief does to help people facing difficult circumstances in the UK and around the world.



## What we have been up to...

**Hedgehogs** have truly embraced their creativeness this month. The babies' have explored a variety of textures and techniques, from vibrant painting to intricate sticking and colouring. It's been wonderful to see them get stuck in, all while developing their fine motor skills. We've also been making the most of the milder weather. While it's been a little damp, the warmer temperatures have allowed us to spend plenty of time exploring the garden. The children have loved discovering the sights and sounds.

**Butterflies** have also been enjoying expressing their creativeness through different materials and techniques. They have been exploring paint in different forms from paint bags to finding anything but a paint brush to create their marks and paintings. Butterflies also loved Pancake Day and making their own pancake style playdough, exploring the different senses and textures, All before enjoying delicious pancakes for snack.



**Little Toads** have been enjoying story time within the room and bringing them to life. They have used puppets and other resources to re-create their favourite stories as well as using them to make up their own stories. Little Toads have also been sharing the love around Valentine's Day too. In one of our stories, we went on a journey with our friends and was talking about the things we love and mean the most to us.



**Owls** have been fully engrossed this month with activities to strengthen their fine motor skills from using chopsticks with noodles to tongs to save the insects from water. They have embraced all different types of textures in their play such as gloop, cornflour and sand. Owls loved learning all about Lunar New Year and the traditions they celebrate. They created their own lanterns, used chopsticks for a range of art and fine motor activities and enjoyed the Lunar story.

## Parent Notices

We would like to kindly remind parents of our collection procedure during the final part of the day. For safety and efficiency, from 5:45pm onwards, children will be brought to the main entrance for collection. Once you have buzzed your child's room and your arrival has been acknowledged, we kindly ask that you wait for a member of staff to greet you at the door. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us ensure a safe and smooth end to the day.

Don't forget to pick up a copy of the 'Dates for your Diary' from the foyer to keep up to date with all the upcoming events.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Monday 16th March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Friday 20th March	Red Nose Day

## Staff updates

We are thrilled to welcome Emily to Team Haslemere. Emily will be joining as Supply team, and we are excited to have her start.

We are also excited to have Tyler return from her maternity leave this month with her little one.

## Recipe of the Month Cauliflower, Chickpea and Butternut Curry with Rice

(Serves 6)

### Ingredients

Tomatoes (tinned) – 400 g  
Chickpeas – 100 g  
Butternut Squash – ½ whole  
Curry powder – 1 tbsp  
Cauliflower – small head  
Peas – 100 g  
Onion (chopped) – 1 whole  
Garlic (minced) – 1 clove  
Carrot (diced) – 2

### Method

1. Dice the onions and mince the garlic.
2. Peel and dice the butternut into ½ cm squares and roast in the oven until part cooked.
3. In a large saucepan fry the onions and garlic until they are almost cooked, then add curry powder and cook for a further minute.
4. Add the carrots, chickpeas and cauliflower and stir well until everything is coated in curry powder.
5. Add the tomatoes and quarter tin of water (using the tinned tomatoes empty tin).
6. Add the butternut squash.
7. Bring to the boil and reduce to simmer and add the peas.
8. Serve with rice

