

## Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our March newsletter! We've had a lovely month and have enjoyed welcoming families in for a variety of events from Storytelling Week to our Valentine's Day stay and play. It is always a joy having families stay and enjoy some fun with us.

## What's to come...

We look forward to marking World Book day in March and cannot wait to see your costumes. There are lots of easy ideas that utilise clothes you already have at home, such as Mr Bump, blue clothing with bandages wrapped round or blue dress with a red ribbon in their hair for Matilda.



## What we have been up to...

**Hedgehogs** had a lovely time celebrating Valentine's Day and learned the sign for 'Love', which involves crossing both arms over the chest. We also had the pleasure of welcoming one of the parents for the Lunar New Year celebration, who delighted us by reading a story in Cantonese. Looking ahead to next month, in honour of Mother's Day, we will be learning to sign 'Mummy' as our sign of the month.

**Butterflies** have been creating group activities helping to promote secure relationships and emotional regulation. Next month they will continue celebrations marking Mother's Day and Holi.

**Little Toads** have been exploring the weather and changing seasons. They observed the outdoors, noticing puddles, clouds, and ice, developing their curiosity and understanding of the world around them. Following this, their next word of the month will be "Aeroplanes", ready for more exciting learning and discovery!

**Young Owls** have been focusing on interactions with peers and have enjoyed group garden games such as Duck, Duck Goose. This has encouraged turn taking, making choices and initiating conversations with peers. Their next Book of the Month will be *Superworm!*

**Wise Owls** have been creating large outdoor art, using large cardboard boxes. They looked at the outside world and talked about the colours they could see and the nature surrounding them. They will be looking the book *The Very Big Den* next month linking this into their outdoor area.

## Parent Notices

### Hedgehog Room

We sent a communication out to our Hedgehog room parents requesting you to bring in a familiar water beaker to support children recognising their own drink cups. Ideally, if these could be a non spill style. Please do drop these off into the hedgehog room. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Parent observations

We have had a lot of cultural celebrations taking place and have some more upcoming too. We have also been notified of a lot of holidays upcoming or that taken place. Please do pop pictures from these key events onto your EY parent app. It is so lovely for the children to be able to share their home experiences and for the staff to share the picture in the room.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
04/03/2026	Holi Celebrations - Colour paint throwing. Provide old clothing!
05/03/2026	World Book Day- Dress up as book character
13/03/2026	Mother's Day Stay and Play - 3pm-4pm
02/04/2026	Easter Bonnet parade 3pm- please create your own Bonnet at home



## 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



Kind Regards

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