

## Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our March newsletter. February has been a busy month.

## Whats to come...

On 5th March we have photo day. If your child dose not attend on that day, please speak to the office and we can give you a time for your child to come and have their photo done.

We also have World Book Day coming up on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> March. We would like the children to come dressed up as a book character and to bring in a book to share with their friends (please put your child's name in the book). If any parents would like to read a story to the children, please let a staff member know.

On Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding a Mother's Day Tea. Were would like to invite mums and grandmothers to join us for tea - if you would like to come, please let the office know. We hope you can join us!



## What we have been up to...

**Hedgehogs** have enjoying going out in the garden, looking at birds and cars. Inside, we have been exploring colourful playdough, making different marks and investigating a variety of textures. The children have loved squeezing, rolling and shaping the dough, developing their fine motor skills while expressing their creativity through mark making and sensory play.

**Little Toads** have loved exploring our sensory area, baking oats scones and celebrating the Lunar New Year with a sensory tray! We have been exploring a variety of sensory play from sand to gloop with many different activities. Sensory play supports brain development, strengthens fine motor skills (needed for early writing), and enhances language skills as children explore and describe different textures and experiences.

**Owls** have been busy learning about a variety of celebrations, including Valentine's Day, Lunar New Year and Pancake Day. Through these special occasions, the children explored different traditions, talked about how people celebrate around the world and took part in themed activities to deepen their understanding.

We also had lots of fun engaging with our Gruffalo-themed tuft trays, sparking imaginative storytelling and small world play. In the garden, the children enjoyed exciting bug hunts, developing their curiosity about nature and building their observation skills.



# Parent Notices

## Staff updates

We are pleased to announce that Rachel has had her baby boy! They are both doing well.

Binder has gone on maternity leave as will Jade on the 18<sup>th</sup> March.

## Reminders

Please remember the front door must be closed at all times, and to not let anybody else in. Please use the intercom system to enter the building, so we can keep everyone safe. Thank you.

Please ensure that your EY emergency contacts are up to date.

# Dates for your diary

Date	Event
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Photo Day
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - children to come dressed up as a book character (please remember to bring spare clothes for photos!)
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother Day Tea - come and join us 3:30-4:30
27 <sup>th</sup> March	End of term

## 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

