

Welcome

This month, we say goodbye to staff and children from Ottershaw as they return to their building. We will be re-evaluating our room and garden spaces ready for the Woking children to move to where they should be in the nursery. We will keep all families updated on the progress of this! Thank you for your continued patience.

We also have Jade starting with the Woking team this month, who is a level 3 Nursery Nurse and will be working three days a week.



Whats to come...

We would like to invite you to a Mother's Day tea on Friday the 13th of March. Come and join us for some activities and some yummy tea!

WORLD

Thursday 5th March 2026 – please come to nursery dressed as your favourite book character for World Book Day.

BOOK
DAY

Please join us wearing red and holding a cake sale for comic relief on Friday 20th March.



What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs

We've had a busy month in Hedgehogs! We have all enjoyed lots of sensory experiences and exploring textures and colours. The babies enjoyed exploring a dinosaur themed tuff tray. They were provided with different natural materials for them to scoop, pour and feel. This supported their curiosity, fine motor skills and early language. They also explored creating their own pancakes out of playdough. There was lots of rolling, patting and squashing the dough. This is another activity that supports fine motor skills but also their imaginative play. We have created a sensory box for the children, which contains mirrors where the babies enjoy looking at their reflection and making different facial expressions.

Butterflies

We've had lots of fun this month exploring a wide range of creative experiences! One of our favourites was the pancake mix tuff tray, where the children enjoyed experimenting with oobleck, saucepans and spatulas. To celebrate Valentine's Day, we explored rose petals in water. The rose petals felt smooth and we used this opportunity to introduce simple, descriptive language into our play. We also experimented with toothbrushes to create different patterns and marks. We explored dabbing, brushing and stamping. Strengthening hand muscles and control in preparation for early writing skills.

Little Toads

The children in Little Toads supported in making their own playdough, which they loved! It introduced lots of mathematical language to them and helped with following instructions. The children practised their fine motor skills with cutting and sticking activities and enjoyed exploring different types of music. Outside they have enjoyed lots of physical activities such as parachute games, where they worked together as a team and tag.

Preschool

To celebrate Valentine's Day, the children explored potpourri, they used their senses to look closely, feel different textures and smell the scents. They also used playdough to create their own Valentine's cookies, with a range of sprinkles to choose for the toppings. This supports the children's imaginative play, storytelling and fine motor skills. For Lunar New Year, the children created their own lanterns, discussing different traditions around the world. The children also learnt some new Makaton signs such as good morning, please, thank you and hello.

Parent Notices

Resources

Our team are on the hunt for toilet roll tubes, black or white t-shirts, bags, scarves and any loose parts bits. If any of our families can help with these items, please drop them to the office.

Nursery fees

A polite reminder that nursery fees are due on the first of the month, for the month ahead. Please remember there was a change in bank details at the start of the year.

Medication

Please ensure that when handing in medication to the nursery, there is a prescription on the medication, otherwise we will not be able to administer it.

Family books

As a part of our curriculum states "children are included and celebrated as individual and are confident to share home experiences" therefore, we ask families to send in photos to create a family book that the children can look through with their friends and support their development.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 13 th March	Mother's Day tea
Tuesday 17 th March	St Patricks Day
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day

Extend learning at home

During cooking time, allow the children to explore safe utensils like a spoon and a bowl. Talk about what you're doing and introduce simple language such as *mix*, *pour* and *pat*.

Spend time in front of a mirror together. Making different facial expressions, name body parts and play peekaboo. This supports self awareness and early communication.

Create simple water play in the bath using cups and spoons to encourage pouring and scooping. Explore chasing games / simple rule-based games in the garden or park.

At home Playdough recipe

This simple playdough recipe is quick to make, non-toxic, and lasts for months, providing endless fun for kids!

Ingredients

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/3 cup salt
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil (or coconut oil for a softer texture)
- 1 cup water
- Food colouring (optional)

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



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