

## Welcome

Congratulations are in order once again this month, as Jordan our Team Leader based in our Owls room has completed her level 3 SENCO qualification!

Jordan has worked so hard to support the children and staff in the setting and has built some wonderful relationships with external agencies to further that support and her knowledge.

Chloe who is based in our Butterflies room has also completed her Level 3 qualification! Well done Chloe you are a great asset to our team.



In April we said goodbye to Paulina who was based in our Badgers room, she is relocating back to Poland to be closer to her family. We will miss her very much! We have also said goodbye to Keira from our Owls team. We wish you the best of luck with your career moving forward!

We also welcomed Astra to the team who is joining us and working full time in our Badgers room.

## What we have been up to...

The **Hedgehogs** have helped to make a bus out of cardboard, for them to sit in and sing *The Wheels on the Bus*. They explored a dinosaur world tuff tray with lots of different sensory resources in. They have also created an aquarium out of a cardboard box as fish have been a big fascination for the children recently! They baked some yummy treats and planted their own flowers for Earth Day.

The **Butterflies** have been busy this month! They have dived into various activities including planting their own seeds in cups, this is so much fun for them but also supports their learning about growth and their understanding of the world. They also went digging for hidden dinosaur bones in cornflour, this supports their physical development as they used small tools to support this. They explored jungle animals in shredded paper, allowing the children the opportunity to develop their gross motor skills.

The **Little Toads** have enjoyed settling back into their room with their old and new friends! They have spent lots of time exploring their new space and resources. They have also been enjoying lots of different sensory play including slimey gloop! This encourages lots of mathematical language as the children supported with measuring out the ingredients and participated in the process from start to finish.

This month, the **Owls** have been busy exploring activities both indoors and outdoors. They've been planting tomatoes and watching their peas grow, helping them learn about the natural world. Outdoors, they've enjoyed bug hunts and experimenting with water tubes, encouraging curiosity and physical development. Inside, we introduced an oral hygiene activity to support their understanding of health and self-care.

The **Badgers** have enjoyed planting their own seeds, helping to weed the planter, add fresh soil and sow them. They're very excited to watch their plants grow, which has sparked lots of conversation about the plant life cycle and what plants need to grow, including "plant food" to help them be big and strong. They also made their own paint using natural resources like turmeric, paprika and herbs, exploring where they come from as well as different smells and sights. We've continued learning Makaton and are beginning to understand why we use it.

## What's to come...

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday

The nursery will be closed on both days.

## Parent Notices

### Thank you!

A big thank you to all the families that made the Bockett's Farm trip. It was a fantastic turn out!

### Clothing

As the weather continues to be slightly unpredictable, please can you ensure that the children are provided with appropriate clothing for the weather.

### Door security

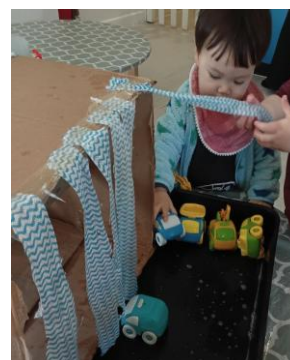
Please do not let other families, visitors or deliveries workers in the door behind you. We have strict policies in place to safeguard the children and the staff.

### Toys from home

We kindly ask that children do not bring toys in from home on a day-to-day basis. Unfortunately, items can easily get lost or damaged, which can be upsetting for the children. Comforters are of course welcome, and children are encouraged to bring items in for planned show and tell sessions in the older rooms.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
4 <sup>th</sup> May and 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holidays - nursery closure
May	National Walking Month
11 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Mental Health Awareness Week



## Recipe of the Month Cajun Chicken, vegetables and brown rice



(Serves 5)

### Ingredients

Chicken (diced) /mixed beans – 250 g  
Mixed peppers (diced) – 1 whole  
Onions (diced) – 1 whole  
Peas – 300 g  
Wholegrain rice – 250 g  
Cajun seasoning – 1 tbsp.

### Method

1. Wash the rice and allow to drain
2. Dice the pepper and onion
3. Season the chicken with Cajun spice.
4. Place a pan of water on the stove and add the rice. Bring to the boil and cook.
5. Add a little oil to another pan and fry the chicken/beans until browned
6. Add the pepper, onion and peas and cook.
7. Once the rice is cooked and drained add the chicken mixture and serve.



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Kind Regards

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