

# Our Learning update...

March 2021

Happy Easter



We launched off to space in February which brought lots of exciting activities for the children. We had our very own spaceship giving the children the opportunity to role play with their peers, dressing as astronauts and blasting off to space.

We explored cause and effect and the need of good hygiene and safety whilst making rock cakes.

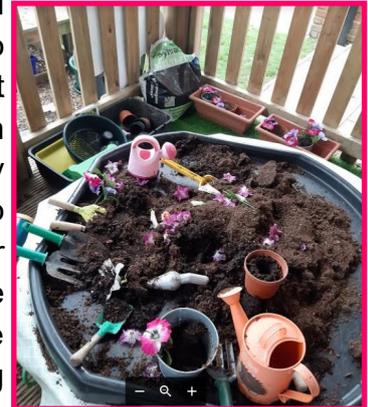


Lots of new vocabulary was introduced to the children including the names of all the planets in our solar system. Using a variety of art techniques the children could create these planets, and it was collage galore making aliens and rockets! The children were introduced to constellations, the patterns that are created by stars. The children were given the opportunity to create their own constellation.



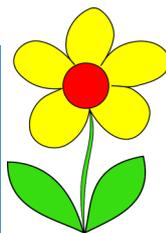
The children have been learning new songs to support embedding numbers and counting.

It has been lovely to leave winter behind and think about spring. Outside we created an allotment for the children to explore soil, water and a range of gardening tools. Seeds were introduced and we talked about planting and what the seed needed to help it grow. To support this learning the children were given the opportunity to plant a bean seed to take home, to look after and grow. As a group we talked about the things we might see in the spring like buds on the trees, blossom, flowers, lambs and birds nesting. Some of the children have had the opportunity to visit our real allotment and enjoy a nature walk, exploring the orchard which includes a very impressive bee hive.



## Happy Mother's Day...

We enjoyed listening to what the children love the most about their Mummy's whilst they made beautiful flower cards. This gave the children the opportunity to make marks to represent their name, trace/copy the letters or independently write their name.



## Show & Tell

We continue to learn our phonics. We teach the children the letter sounds as opposed to the alphabet using rhymes and actions called '**Jolly Phonics**'. You can find these rhymes and the supporting actions on 'YouTube'.

**D d**

See me play on my drum.  
Paying drums is lots of fun,  
With a /d/-/d/-/d/-/d/-/d/-/d/-/d/-/d/-/d/-/

See me play on my drum!

**f** (Tune: Old MacDonald Track 17)

My friends and I went to the beach with my floating fish. It got a hole... the air came out. /fffff!

Action: Let your hands come together gently, as if an inflatable fish is deflating, and say /fffff!

**Ee**

Eggs in the pan, /e//e//e//e//  
Eggs in the pan, /e//e//e//e//  
Eggs in the pan, /e//e//e//e//  
Crack the egg like this ... /e/!

**g** (Tune: Jimmy Crack Corn Track 13)

The water gurgles down the drain.  
The water gurgles down the drain.  
The water gurgles down the drain,  
with a /g/-/g/-/g/-/g/-/g/-/g/-/g/-/g/-/g/-/



The children have been excited about our new arrivals, we have recently introduced frogspawn and learning about the life cycle of a frog. The children have estimated how long they think it will be before the tadpoles hatch.