

# Newsletter Summer Term

## April 2019



Spring is always a wonderful time of year and what an exciting term we have planned. We are learning about Mini beasts and Life Cycles which is so much fun! Attached are the amazing activities that we will be taking part in this term to make our learning as much fun as possible. As always please feel free to bring items or photos in from home that your child would like to share with us, we love to hear about your fun times outside of nursery.

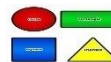
### Our Important Dates this term are;

Friday 3rd May –	Tour de Yorkshire – <b><u>1.30pm closure</u></b>
Monday 29th May –	Bank holiday closed
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> –	Holiday club (booking is essential)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June -	Summer term starts
Wednesday 24th July –	Summer term ends, last day
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> July – Fri 23rd Aug –	Holiday club
Friday 23rd August –	Last day of holiday club
Monday 26th – 3rd Sept –	Closed for training and deep clean
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept -	Nursery re-opens

### Sound and Maths Box

Each week we will continue to focus on a key sound, number, shape or colour to enhance our learning - the list for this term has been emailed and is also available in each cloakroom area.

**Please remember to send in items with your child as they love to share these with their friends.**



### Tour de Yorkshire

As you are aware we are fortunate enough to have the Tour de Yorkshire pass right through the village on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. We will be helping the village celebrate by making bunting and a giant white rose, decorating our bikes and making streamers. We will also be looking at the route the tour takes and landmarks it will pass, including Shadwell Childcare! **Please remember that all children must be collected no later than 1.30pm on the day of the Tour** to ensure the safety of the children and to allow staff to safely collect their children and safely travel home. We appreciate your support with this. If your child will be absent from nursery on this day to attend the celebrations with you please could you let the office know.

### Online Tracker System

We are delighted that we are now live with the Tracker system for the Sunflower room. We have been sending out children's observations and progress for the last term and have been able to send weekly 'parent blogs' where we are able to share with you the fun the children have had learning a specific activity. We will continue to use the journals for children in Bluebell who are leaving in July and these will be yours to keep once completed.

### Parents evening

Thank you to everyone that was able to come to parents evening, we are aware that attending often takes time and rearranging work and childcare commitments but we hope you find the feedback and time with your key person useful. Many thanks for the very kind comments on the parents reports, they are always shared with the staff and very much appreciated.

### Invoices

Invoice have now been emailed. Can we please remind all parents that 30 hours funded places must be renewed with HMRC every 12 weeks. It is **the parents responsibility** to ensure they refresh their code in line with the government guidelines and **advise us of the new expiry date**. You are eligible for all charges if you fail to renew within HMRC deadlines.

### September 2019 sessions

We will be writing with confirmation of sessions for September 2019 next week. Thank you for your patience, sessions are not confirmed until after the primary school places are received as this affects the demand and the sessions that we have available.

# Learning objectives in Sunflower Room this term....

We are going to learn lots about shapes and colours this half term



We have a very busy time ahead in Sunflower Room this term. There was lots of fun celebrating Easter last week and we are now looking forward to learning about St George's Day and Ramadan, seeing the Tour De Yorkshire, and of course, learning about Spring.



This season brings some wonderful opportunities for exploring our beautiful environment and learning all about growth and change. We will be helping the children to plant their own garden to explore with all of our senses - fragrant herbs, beautiful flowers, and maybe even some edible fruit and veg! We'll be reading Jack and the Beanstalk to learn how Jack grew his beanstalk up to the sky!



We will be giving the children a first-hand experience of how living creatures grow when we look after our caterpillars... What do you think they'll turn into? The Very Hungry Caterpillar is a wonderful story to enhance this experience and offers lots of learning opportunities in itself.

As we get closer to Summer, we will be beginning to prepare our older children for their transition into Bluebell Room. We will be supporting the children before they move with lots of new activities and fun games and we know that they are ready for the next stages of learning.



Whilst learning about Easter we made Easter bonnets, made yummy Easter treats and had a fabulously fun Easter hunt in our beautiful gardens. There was a lot of fun to be had painting with chocolate and then learning all about Mr McGregor's gardens and painting with his carrots!

## Online Tracker System

We are delighted with how the online tracker system is working and also with the feed back from parents. You will all shortly be contacted for your views and we would be grateful if you were able to take the time to respond. It is very exciting to share the activities with you including our exploration of colour, Mother's Day and special people celebrations and Easter. We have loved receiving the parents updates – thank you for these, we will add them to the files and link to their learning where possible. If you are unsure how to send in photos of special days to us please speak with your Key Person.



## Number Box / Sound Box

Please note the new 'Learning of the Week' poster for this term. We invite the children to bring in items to put into our Maths or Sound boxes each day, so have a look at home for what you could bring in next time! If your child does bring an item in, please let a member of staff on the day know so we are aware of what it is.



# Bluebell Room learning objectives this term

As we look towards primary school we are working with the children to increase concentration and focus. The children are very excited to take part in the small group work where they work in teams to learn with their friends.

## In Numeracy we discuss

- Numbers & Shapes
- Space and measure
- Mathematical language
- Recognising numbers
- Number order & quantities



## In Literacy our focus is

- Listening skills and Sounds
- Patterns
- Forming letters
- Recognising letters
- Rhyming



We are enjoying using our new small world resources, our toadstool house, little button chairs and some fabulous items Angela kindly made for us to play and learn with.

Our key focus this term is **Spring, mini beasts, planting and growing!**



Before Easter we looked at the Easter story and made an Easter collage, nests and eggs and had a lots of fun Easter hunts. We also sequenced the life cycle of a chicken and role played in our 'farm'.

As we learn about Spring we look at the changes to our environment, being surrounded by trees and fields allows us lots of opportunity to take spring walks and collect resources from around us. We will paint and draw using some of the natural resources we find and will look at the different textures and patterns that they make.



Mini beasts is a firm favourite of the children as we take part in mini beast hunts using our binoculars and magnifying glasses to help peer closely as we look at differences and similarities between insects. We will look at the different habitats and will even be building our own bug hotel! Our caterpillar eggs will soon arrive and we will watch how they grow and the different stages they evolve through and then finally release them as butterflies! We will look at how lots of insects evolve as they grow including tadpoles, wasps, ants and caterpillars as we use our life cycle kits.

To continue with life cycles we focus on plants and how they grow, we have even made our own indoor and outdoor garden centres!! We will plant a range of seeds, water them, decide if they need sunlight or shade and watch as they grow, measuring them as they grow to see which is the biggest! We will sort lots of seeds and see the differences and we even get to try lots of fruit



and vegetables to see what they taste like!

We are also teaching the children **yoga and mindfulness** and they are enjoying learning new poses!

