



# APRIL NEWSLETTER



Dear All  
The Easter Bunny is on its way! Take a look at what each room is up to this month.  
Don't eat too much chocolate....

## CRAWLERS

Over the last few weeks, we have been very busy learning all about animals where they live and what noises they make. The children have been creative and loved exploring the minibeast habitats around Jigsaws. We have been looking in books and talking about what the animals sound like. We have also been moving in lots of different ways, like jumping like a frog and sliding on our tummies like a snake.

Over the next few weeks, we will continue to learn about animals but more spring and farm animals. Looking at trying to walk down Sandwath Lane to see the animals and learn about them.

Could we please make sure we have lots and lots of spare clothes now the weather is changing we will be venturing outside and doing lots and lots of water play.  
Also hats and shoes please.

## INVESTIGATORS

This month in the Investigators we have been learning all about the weather and the seasons. The children have really enjoyed creating umbrellas for our wall display and cloud watching outside. They've created spring pictures of blossom trees and planted seeds and making flower pictures.

Our curriculum focus has been Enthusiastic Bookworm and we've been sharing lots of stories both with grown ups and with our friends and teaching the children how to look after our books.

Next month our topic will be shopping and food and we are looking forward to taking part in different activities to support this.

Our curriculum focus for next month will be Community Champion.

## EXPLORERS

We've had a wonderful month which has been full of curiosity, exploration, and lots of fun! The children have really enjoyed learning all about the weather and seasons. From talking about sunny and rainy days to exploring how the seasons change, everyone has been busy getting involved in a variety of exciting activities. We've enjoyed creative crafts, outdoor play, and group discussions that have helped bring these ideas to life.

This month, our new theme is Shopping. As part of this, we are aiming to become Community Champions! The children will be taking part in visits to our local community shop, using simple shopping lists to help guide their choices. We will also be exploring where food comes from, learning about how fruits and vegetables grow, through lots of fun activities.

We're looking forward to another exciting and engaging month ahead!

Thank you for your continued support.

Explorers team.

## DISCOVERERS

We have had a busy and enjoyable Month, this Month our focus was all about Nature and Life Cycles. We have enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and Frog, we had fun painting our own butterflies then used clay to make the 4 different stages of the life cycle of a butterfly. We then made frogs using paper plates and read a story about the life cycle of a frog and the different stages.

This month the children have also enjoyed learning about nature, we went on a nature trail and the discoverers enjoyed talking about what they saw, we also enjoyed a nature sensory walk, natural painting using mud and flowers, den building, a bug safari hunt and worked together to make a bug hotel.

Next month our focus is planting and Easter, the children will enjoy lots of fun Easter crafts and activities in the Easter Holidays, we will also be learning about planting and what plants need to help them grow, the discoverers will also enjoy planting their own seeds which they will be able to water and watch grow over the following weeks.

Curriculum focus - Mark Making Master

## Important Dates for Your Diary!

22nd of June and 25th of June will be our Sports Day and Graduation Events.

We close bank Holidays. On these dates we do not receive government funding. If your child would attend on a bank holiday and you want to book another date that week we will charge for it. **These are: 3rd & 6th of April, 4th & 25th May.**

To support our new building please note the following dates:

Monday 13th of July all wrap around care and pre-school care will run from Church Fenton Village Hall until 20th July.

To move to Kirk Fenton School we will be closed 21st & 22nd of July.

All holiday clubs and nursery care from 23rd of July to the 2nd of September will be held in Kirk Fenton primary School.

Our Nursery provision will be closed 3rd of September until 11th of September to allow us to set up the new building we open again on Monday 14th September.

Monday 7th of September to Friday 11th of September we will be providing wrap around care from Church Fenton Village Hall.



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## ADVENTURERS

Breakfast clubs.  
We have been playing lots of group games such as duck duck goose and red light green light.  
Some of the children have been enjoying playing outside and others colouring.

After school clubs.  
We have been doing den building whilst we have been over at the village hall, we have made mothers day jewellery we ran a competition on sheep and crafted our own. Now the children are running their own axolotl competition to create and enter the competition.

At the village hall we have been using the space to be physical with ball games and large group games, among us and stuck in the mud.

We are supporting the children with their home work during this time too.

## OUTDOOR LEARNING

Forest schools.  
All about weather change!!

The children will be planting seeds and watching them and helping them grow. We will learn about how the weather helps plants grow and the different things we need to do to help them.

## HOME LEARNING CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Home learning winners:  
Atticus  
Mia. C  
Martha  
Mia. K  
Amelia.

## NEWS

Hello my name is Karen Holding I have recently changed roles within the setting from Investigator Room Supervisor to take on a new position of Thrive lead working along my current SENCO role.

Thrive is a setting approach that helps to improve the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people. I will be undergoing a 14 week training program gaining knowledge and understanding, resources and will use the award-winning online tool, to better understand the needs of some children and provide targeted, effective support where it's needed. I will work closely with all rooms supporting staff and children.

If we feel that Thrive will support your child, we will organise a meeting to discuss this with you

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Well done to Skye, our deputy room supervisor in the Crawlers room on completing her level 3 EYE award.

Parents and visitors are asked not to use mobile phones in the setting. We have signs at the entrances to the building to notify parents.

**CLICK THINGS TO DO THIS EASTER!**

We all know how important it is to keep our children safe online and how many of our younger children have access to technology we never did.

That is why it is so important for us to understand how to support them and make sure they get the right experiences from using technology.

Jigsaws, with the help of Knowsley online safety support for parents, will bring you a newsletter every month giving the latest information on how to support your whole family.

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