

THE CHICKS ARE COMING!

This month at nursery we will be following a Spring theme. Looking at the weather, growing and planting seeds and life cycles.

On Monday 10th May we will be receiving delivery of some chicken eggs and an incubator so



we can watch our very own chicks hatch and grow! This is always a very exciting 2 weeks at nursery where the children will learn about lifecycles, growth and development and also develop social interaction and caring and nurturing skills.

> We will also be watching caterpillars turn into butterflies and our seeds grow into plants



Some lovely books to share are; The Hungry Caterpillar; 5 Tiddly Widdly Tadpoles; Rabbits Don't Lay Eggs; The Hen Can't Help It.

Tax Free Child care

Open to all parents/carers with children under the age of 12.

For every £8 a parent pays into their Childcare Account, the government adds an extra £2, up to £2,000/child/year towards their childcare costs, or up to £4,000 for a child with a disability. Other people, such as family members and employers, can also pay into your Tax-Free Childcare account. How much you pay into your Tax-Free Childcare account, and when, is up to you, you will then be able to use the account to pay nursery for childcare.

For more information please go to: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk



Dates for your diary:

May Half Term Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June No standard funding during Half Term Stretched funding continues NURSERY CLOSED MONDAY 31st MAY



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Childcare

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 Please remember to send your child with a change of clothes and a towel. We have lots of fun getting wet and dirty!

Steps to starting school

Build your child's confidence so that they start school confident, curious and ready to learn

Access more great advice, tips and downloadable resources at pacey.org.uk/schoolready

I am happy to be away from my parents or main carer



I like interacting with other children I eniov learning about and

exploring new things I like to read stories and look at picture books I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not tired for school I can share toys and take turns I am able to sit still and listen for a short while I am happy to tidy up after myself and car

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I can follow instructions and understand the need to follow rules

I am able to ask for help if I don't feel well

> I can use a knife and fork and open my lunch on my own

I can button & unbutton my and put on my own shoes & socks

I enjoy making marks and have practised holding a pencil

More top tips:

- Get your child ready for their new routine by switching their meal times to match those of the school day
- Encourage your child to explore new environments and interact with new people
- Talk to your child about what they are most looking forward to at school
- Let your child practise putting their new school uniform on and taking it off
- And remember, every child is different and starts school with different abilities

Car/Bike/Scooter washing

Fill a bucket with water, add a few drops of washing up liquid and throw in some clean sponges. Then let your little ones help you wash the car or wash their own bikes and scooters. After the vehicles get sufficiently soaped up, help them hose them down, then dry the fleet with old rags or towels.

Why not finish the fun with a ride round the block or to the park to show off their shiny clean vehicles!



Growing Beans

You will need: Glass Jar, Cotton Wool, beans (any dried beans from garden centre or supermarket)

What to do: Pop the cotton wool balls into a glass jam jar.

Place one bean on either side of the jar so that you can watch 2 growing at once.

Water it until the cotton wool is damp but not too wet, and place the jar in the window.

Within 2-3 days the beans will sprout a small root.

After about 2 weeks, when the plants seems strong enough, carefully remove them from the jar, tease the roots off the cotton wool and replant the beans into soil in pots in the garden and watch them grow!



