

Silverstream Nursery Unit



April 2016

Dates for your diary:

Easter break: School will close at 12 noon on Friday 25th March 2016 for the Easter break. There will be no school meals on that day.

School will reopen on Thursday 7th April 2016. Have lovely break!

Clementsmount Farm: Monday 11th April

May Day: 2nd May

Exceptional closures: 3rd & 4th May

Election Day: 5th May

Fire Station Trip: Wednesday 11th May

Parent Stuff

Don't forget there is a notice board in the corridor just for you! If you belong to any clubs or organisations within the local area you can advertise meeting times, dates or any special events.

Tesco & Sainsbury Vouchers

The school will accept either of these vouchers so don't forget to collect them and bring them to the nursery. You might consider making a collection on behalf of the school in your work place by putting a box in a central position for people to deposit the vouchers.



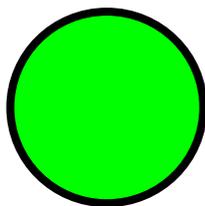
Tissues please!

As usual, all donations of tissues would be much appreciated - thanks!

This month:

Colour: green

Shape: circle



April Theme : Living Things



For the rest of the month we will be learning more about living things. We will be encouraging the children to discuss what a living thing is and the different shapes and forms that they come in. There will be an emphasis on the types of small bugs and creatures that we come across every day and the children are invited to collect things like snails to bring them into school. Remember to be careful and gentle!

We will also begin to plant seeds, such as, sunflowers and beans. The children will have an opportunity to experience the textures and smells of a range of fruit, vegetables and herbs during their play time.



Maths Tip

There will be a focus on size and comparison. We will be doing this through the themed activities e.g. big animal, little animal etc. You can support this learning at home e.g. big feet, little feet!

We will also continue to learn about before, after and next. Please use the number line attached to the newsletter.

Language skills: children will be encouraged to label their own work. There will also be a stronger emphasis on sequencing skills through activities such as board games, songs and jigsaws.

Independence: We will be focusing on how we take care of ourselves and the things that we are able to do for ourselves e.g. tidy up and getting what we need independently.

Recycle your cast offs!

The nursery tries to use 'real' equipment but it often gets broken and replacing it is expensive. If you have any items that you no longer need could you donate them to us? We would love:

Bathroom scales	kitchen scales	calculators
Cameras	mobiles	radios
Land line telephones	laptops	keyboards & mouse



PLEASE do not give us anything that you are undecided about. All batteries, sim cards etc. will be removed from items so no information will be retrievable and the items will be safe for the children.

Respecting differences

The Respecting Differences Programme is now finished. The reactions from the children were very positive and we were able to discuss a range of issues. The children were particularly responsive when discussing differing skin colours, cultural differences and the bullying theme. They were able to express their thoughts with clarity and understanding. Staff were impressed by their concern and sensitivity regarding these issues. To continue our learning there will be a focus on feelings and emotions. We will be exploring how we feel and react in difficult or uncomfortable situations.

Please feel free to ask staff if you need any further information.



Happy birthday in April to:

1st Chloe Calvert

18th Lily Noble



SONGS - the children should be teaching you the actions!

5 Little Ducks

5 little ducks went swimming one day
Over the pond and far away
Mummy Duck said,
'Quack, quack, come back'
But only 4 little ducks come swimming
back.

Repeat until there are no ducks and
then the 5 little ducks come
swimming back!



3 Little Speckled Frogs

3 little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating the most delicious bugs
Yum yum

1 jumped into the pool
Where he was nice and cool

Now there's only
2 green speckled frogs!
Repeat for 2 & 1.



Jayia is 4!



We learned about road safety.

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