

*Look what we have been up to...*

**Little Acorns;** We have been exploring nature as the weather is getting warmer. We have been out in the garden looking, touching and picking flowers, sticks, leaves etc. We then took some inside and made some sensory bottles with them.

To extend the resources more and use them in a range of ways we have also added blossom to our creative area to make gluey pictures for our loved ones. We stuck the leaves, sticks and flowers into the playdough squashing, poking and making prints with them.

**Oak Leaves;** We have been learning about frogs. In our sensory tray we added some Chai seeds! The children loved exploring them on their hands and pouring them through their fingers. We looked closely at them using magnifying glasses and talked about how they looked like frog eggs. We hid the frogs in the logs and sang the 'Five Little Speckle Frogs' song.

The children have loved showing their caregiving skills with our baby dolls recently. To extend this interest we decided to get out some baby baths and learn about cleaning the babies, getting them dry and dressed practising some self help skills.

We have took part in lots of different celebrations lately such as; Space Day, VE Day, Fire Fighters Day and Laughter Day.

**Mighty Oaks;** We have been so lucky and had a visit from some ducklings! Our school hatched them from their eggs and asked if we would like to look after them for an afternoon. We were so gentle when petting the ducklings and loved watching them swim in their pool, eat and drink their water.

We have been learning about bugs, planting and life cycles. We went out on a bug hunt in the nursery garden and thought about where bugs would like to live, we pulled up rocks looked in the grass and dug in the mud. We have planted some runner beans, watered them gave them sunshine and watched them grow. Lastly we have been doing some observational drawing with natural objects such as flowers and potatoes watching them grow and decay over time and how they change.

### Advice and tips;

Some children are leaving us in the Summer. It is important for children to be school ready!

Some ideas to support your child in these can be; putting on their own clothing, coat and shoes.

Slowly taking away attachments/comforters such as dummies, blankets, toys and toilet/potty training. If you would like any tip or information please come and ask!

Recycled resources! *"Your trash is our treasure!"*

Thank you for your donations, please keep donating we are always looking for new treasures that spark children's interest and learning.

### Parental Questionnaires:

Soon you will notice we will be putting parental questionnaires in your child's bag. Please take some time to fill these out for us as your feedback is very valuable to the service we provide!

*There will be an envelope at the entry door if you would like to send them back to us anonymously.*

### Announcements:

We are pleased to say our April starters have settled lovely in their new environments.

As weather is getting warmer. Please bring a sun cream and sun hat in your child's bag.