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Dear families,

This half term we have been continuing to learn about animals as part of our '**Come outside**' topic and are focusing in particular on minibeasts and farm animals. We have enjoyed looking for minibeasts in the outdoor environment, reading key stories such as 'What the ladybird heard' and 'The very hungry caterpillar', making a wormery, drawing creatures and looking carefully at their body parts to learn new vocabulary. Emma brought her exotic animals into Nursery in February for us to explore and this was a very successful day. We had the opportunity to handle snakes, snails, frogs, owls, lizards and stick insects and learn more about what these animals eat and the types of habitats they live in. Please check the website and facebook for photographs of the children participating in this event.

On Monday 20th March we are expecting a delivery of duck eggs, which we will watch hatch and then enjoy handling the ducklings, feeding them and helping to look after them in the coming weeks. We are reading key stories about farm animals, such as 'Farmer duck' and 'Rosie's walk', will draw story maps, play with farm animals and develop our representation and story telling skills.

As Spring unfolds we will also enjoy activities linked to seasonal changes in our environment and the coming celebration of Easter. We would like to invite parents into Nursery to help with our allotment, which is just coming back to life. If you are interested in coming along to volunteer to help staff and children working in the allotment on Wednesday afternoons please send us a Dojo or see a member of staff. Please check below for other important diary dates.



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Dates for the diary:

30.3.2023:

Parents are invited to come into Nursery to help their child decorate a boiled egg. Please bring your own boiled egg. Tissue paper, glue, paint, pens and collage materials will be provided.

Red / Yellow group: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Blue / Green group: 2:30p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Meeting with key workers:

Yellow group: Monday 17th April

Red group: Tuesday 18th April

Blue group: Thursday 20th April

Green group: Friday 21st April

Timetables will be placed in the main entrance on Wednesday 22nd March for you to sign up for a time to speak to your child's key worker. We look forward to your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff if you need to adjust dates as we can be flexible.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Walker and the Nursery team.



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