

Easter Term Newsletter



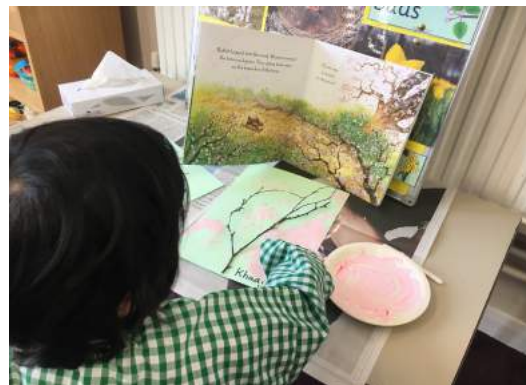
What we got up to this term...

What didn't we get up to this term???

We explored two seasons, winter and spring, talking about the change in the weather and exploring vocabulary linked to the two seasons. The children explored Chinese New Year and enjoyed a talk by one of our parents about Chinese traditions surrounding New Year. Two visitors came to the school to talk about "People Who Help Us", one of our mums, a hospital consultant, talked about how to stay healthy, and our Local Community Officer came to talk to the children about how to stay safe.

The children and the teachers enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and we all loved reading all the Julia Donaldson stories. London was a fun topic to explore and we made buses, black cabs and a Big Ben, comparing the height of our clock tower to the height of the children.

And then the weather warmed up and we could spend more time outside where we made potions, built and measured great masterpieces, engaged in some wonderful role play, writing our own shop signs and making our own money. The Butterflies' Easter Egg Hunt was a great success - the children



didn't seem to mind at all that they weren't hunting for chocolate Easter eggs but, rather, for clues hidden inside numbered plastic eggs.



The Team...

Miss Wendelien, Miss Juliet, Miss Nathalie, Miss Georgia and Miss Anna dressed up for World Book Day. Not on this picture are Mr. Paul, Student Assistant in the Butterfly classroom and Miss Shabnam who has recently joined us as a Montessori Teaching Assistant in the Ladybird classroom.



Parent Notices

- Please take note of the following:
- Term dates can be found by [clicking here](#).
- Parent-teacher meetings for children transitioning to reception after the summer will take place on Wednesday and Thursday 7 and 8 June. Sign-up sheets will be put up outside the Butterfly classroom before the end of May half term.
- End of year reports will be distributed during the last week of the academic school year.
- Parent reading will continue after the Easter holiday. The sign up sheets for both classes are on the board in the hall-way. The children are so proud when their parent comes in to read and it is lovely for the other children to experience different readers and new books.

- The Butterflies will continue to go into the church garden on Tuesday mornings. Please continue to bring in your child's wellies.



What's happening in the Summer Term?

We have another exciting and varied programme prepared for the children. Our themed topics are, as usual, supported by the Montessori materials and our team works with all the children on a 1:1 and also small group basis, supporting their individual learning based on their developmental age and stage.

Wednesday 19 - Friday 28 April: Growing vegetables
 Tuesday 2 - Friday 12 May: The body & healthy eating
 Monday 15 - Friday 26 May: North America / Andy Warhol / Pop Art

Half Term (29 May - 2 June)

Monday 5 - Friday 16 June: Minibeasts
 Monday 19 - Friday 30 June: Australia - animals + aboriginal art
 Monday 3 - Thursday 6 July: Summer / seaside

Would you like to contribute? Would you be able to help out by talking to the children about any of these topics? Would you like to help as we plant our vegetable seeds? Fancy joining us as we go on a Minibeast Safari? Do you have a special interest in pop art or do you happen to know anything about Australia? Please let us know - the children always enjoy a parent-visit!

Interesting articles...

We often share, on our Facebook page, links to interesting articles about child development. Here are some of our recent favourites...

[Preparing for the Transition to Reception](#)

[Health & Development Review at the Age of 2](#)

[Before They Write: the Importance of Fine Motor Skills](#)

[Supporting the Development of your Child's Maths Skills](#)

Supporting the Development of your Child's Literacy Skills:

[Talk With Me](#)
[Read With Me](#)
[Write With Me](#)

KVM has also developed some booklets on developing literacy and maths skills. Please ask your child's keyworker for a copy.

We simply can't resist sharing a few more pictures with you...

"Kids at Work"... Developing their fine motor skills, their imagination, their self-care, their mark-making skills, their awareness of numbers and sounds... All in a day's work for our fabulous Montessori children...

