



## Nursery Summer Term Newsletter 2021

### Tiny Gems and Little Jewels

Dear Nursery Parents/Carers,

We hope you all have had a restful and fun filled Easter holidays and are looking forward to a packed summer term.

This term we will begin with a week investigating nature and shapes inspired by the book Walter's Wonderful Web by Tim Hopgood. We will continue to be encouraging the children to notice the seasonal changes in our environment and care for living things.

We will then move onto our topic 'How many colours are in a rainbow?' This will involve lots of hands-on colour mixing investigations, beginning with a focus on mixing just black and white and developing until the children are confident in mixing their own colours, which they will then name. We are particularly looking forward to our Science Week – during which we have planned lots of fun activities inspired by our colour theme. We will also be learning more about what it means to be an artist, with a focus on Andy Goldsworthy, Henri Matisse, Yayoi Kusama and Alma Thomas – we cannot wait to create artwork inspired by their work with the children.

Our focus books include: Wow! Said the Owl by Tim Hopgood, Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Can You See? by Eric Carle and the fantastic Mix It Up! By Herve Tullet. We will also revisit some familiar texts from earlier in the year such as The Colour Monster Duo by Anna Llenas, thinking about how colours link to emotions.

Throughout the term we will spend lots of time outside, we will be planting up our vegetable patches, using the children's ideas from last term and will soon plant both beans and sunflowers for the children to take home. We will be making the most of all the fantastic mathematical opportunities that these offer. We will also be following our children's interests in minibeasts.

Following our children's interests, we will also be completing a mini project on natural disasters, with a focus on volcanoes, during which we are looking forward to building and exploding sand volcanoes.

After half term, we will move onto our seaside-inspired topic 'How Many Pebbles on the Beach?' which we are very excited about. We are sure to be revisiting our learning on floating and sinking, building an ice-cream parlour, paddling pool and beach area with our children. We cannot wait to explore this topic further with the children.

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Summer 1: We will be looking at the Old Testament story of Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat (Genesis 37-47) – we are already looking forward to designing our own technicolour coats!

Summer 2: We will be learning about Judaism, handling artefacts, finding out about traditional customs, trying our hand at writing Hebrew and making candles.

#### **Transition to Reception**

Transition will begin after Half Term.

#### **General Reminders**

- **PLEASE NAME** all coats, sweaters/cardigans, sun hats, wellies etc.
- Please ensure all children have a full change of clothes in school each day.
- Please send in the Summer term voluntary contribution of **£5 towards the EYFS fund**