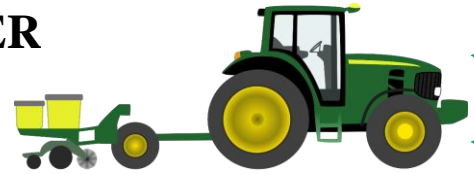




LISNAGELVIN NURSERY SCHOOL

APRIL NEWSLETTER



LOOKING BACK

During March we have had very mixed weather. We have been outside as much as possible and have started cleaning up our nursery garden after the Winter Season. We have been preparing the raised soil bed for planting vegetables and have already planted mint, coriander and parsley in our herb garden and wild flower seeds in our wendy house garden.

The children are beginning to enjoy our fairytale theme. We have started reading and role-playing their favourite stories. Karen from Banyan theatre performed the story of “The Gingerbread Man” just before the Easter Holidays.



We also had great fun searching for eggs during our Easter Egg Hunt in nursery.



MOVING FORWARD

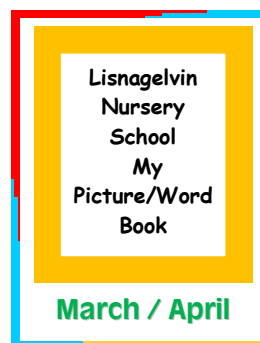
We will continue with our themes of Spring and Keeping Healthy in April.

Other topics and activities will include:

- Fairy tales
- Looking after our Nursery Garden
- Planting vegetables
- Keeping Healthy
- Tadpoles and frogs

MARCH/APRIL LANGUAGE BOOK

Towards the end of April we will send home our third Picture Word Book based on our topics in March/April.



RUGBY TOTS

Rugby tots will start on Thursday 11th April for a period of 5 weeks. We will be using the primary school pitch for these sessions. Aaron from Rugby Tots will be taking the lessons every week.



MAGICAL FAIRYTALES



Elsa from 'Magical Fairy tales' will also come to sing with the children on Wednesday 24th April.



NURSERY RHYMEATHON

On behalf of all the Governors and staff we would like to say a huge thankyou to all our families who raised an amazing £2,679.50 for our annual rhymeathon. In these difficult financial times we have been totally overwhelmed by your support and generosity. This is an **incredible** amount of money for a school of 80 pupils.

We will provide a contribution to 'Tiny Life' and 'Children's Heartbeat Trust' from the monies raised.

The children have really enjoyed learning all their rhymes. We loved seeing their confidence and performance skills growing over the 3 weeks. Thank you for practicing with your children at home too!

We had a great Rhymeathon Celebration Day on 20th March as you will have seen from the photos and videos on Seesaw. The children were so excited to eventually receive their 'Rhymeathon 2024' teddy bears.



We will share more details on how we will spend the money in due course.

PARENTAL INTERVIEWS

We look forward to meeting with you at our parent/teacher meetings next week. It will be a pleasure to discuss your child's progress and offer some suggestions for Next Steps in learning. We look forward to another term of exciting learning opportunities to finish off the year in nursery.

GETTING READY TO LEARN

In February we launched our physical skills programme 'Happy Healthy Kids' by sending home our 'Keep Healthy, Keep Moving Booklet'. Over the next few weeks we will now send home a folder with some activities to develop your child's Fine Motor Skills – more details to follow soon.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for your diary

Friday 3rd May & Monday 6th May - May Day Holiday (Nursery Closed)

Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th May - Spring Bank Holiday (Nursery Closed)

APRIL RHYMES

I Can Count

One two, buckle my shoe.
Three, four knock at the door.
Five, six pick up sticks.
Seven, eight lay them straight.
Nine, ten a big fat hen.



5 Little Speckled Frogs

5 Little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious bugs
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Then there were 4 green speckled frogs
(repeat song with 4, 3, 2, and 1)



Baby Animals Rhyme

Verse 1

The hen has a chicken
What does it say?
Cheep, cheep, cheep, cheep!
All through the day.



Verse 2 Duck - duckling - quack

Verse 3 Sheep - lamb - baa

Verse 4 Pig - piglet - squeal

Verse 5 Cow - calf - moo

Verse 6 The snail had a baby
What does it say?
It doesn't say anything
All through the day.



A Little Seed

A little seed for me to sow,
A little earth to make it grow.
A little sun
A little shower.
A little wish
And then a flower!



Our Healthy Song:

(Sung to "Mulberry Bush")

This is the healthy way we live
Way we live, way we live
This is the healthy way we live
To keep our bodies healthy.



This is the way we wash ourselves
This is the way we comb our hair
This is the way we brush our teeth
This is the way we eat good foods
This is the way we exercise
This is the way we sleep all night

I'm A Little Teapot

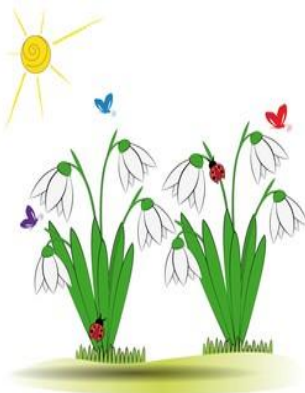
I'm a little teapot short and stout
Here's my handle and here's my spout
When I see the tea cups. . .
Hear me shout
"Tip me up and pour me out".



Curriculum News: April

Spring

Continue to talk to me about new life in Spring. We will take care of the flowers and herb garden. Plants need light, water and heat to grow.



Colours:

Green and **Yellow**

Look out for these bright Spring colours



Keeping Healthy

We will continue to talk about all the ways we can look after ourselves ;

- Washing our hands and bodies
- Brushing our teeth
- Eating healthy foods
- Lots of exercise and getting outside
- Going to bed early to get a good night's sleep



Times of the day

We will talk about different times of the day -



morning,



lunch time, afternoon,



dinner time & night time.

Talk to me about what we do at different times of the day.



Fairytales

We will read lots of Fairytales this month. Fairytales are also great for bedtime stories. If you haven't got any at home you can find animated versions on You Tube.

Here are a few suggestions of some popular fairytales;

The Three Little Pigs
Little Red Riding Hood
Cinderella
The Gingerbread Man

Jack and the Beanstalk
The Three Billy Goats Gruff
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
Hansel and Gretel



Playing outside, protect their
head and limbs

April

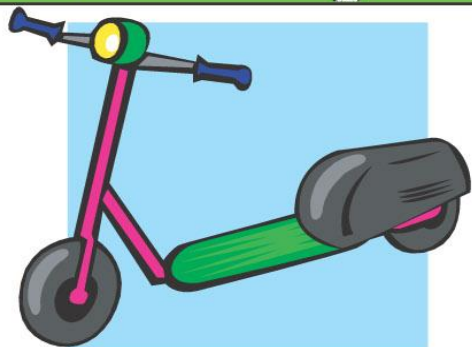
Child safety tips



Use play and sports safety equipment suitable to the age of the child



Locate swing in a spacious area so people can pass by safely



Motorised scooters and quads are not suitable for young people