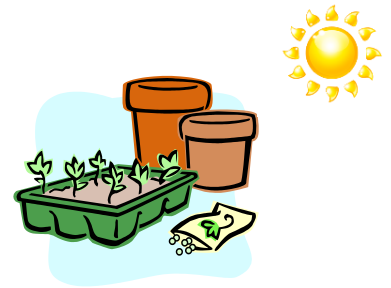




LISNAGELVIN NURSERY SCHOOL

MARCH NEWSLETTER



LOOKING BACK

During February we have had cold showery days and some lovely spring like days. We have been out as often as possible so please remember warm coats and hats.

Our garden is coming back into bloom and our daffodils are beginning to appear. The children helped the staff to plant bulbs back in October. Now they can observe the lovely spring bulbs as they grow.

MOVING FORWARD – ECO SCHOOLS

As we move into March, we will be encouraging the children to participate in a big Spring clean of the outdoors before planting vegetables, herbs and wild flowers in our gardens. We are continuing to work hard towards achieving our Green Flag Status.

MARCH TOPICS AND EVENTS

This month's topics include:

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1. Spring
 2. Nursery Rhymeathon
 3. Mother's Day
 4. St Patrick's Day
 5. Easter
 6. Colours: **Green** and **Yellow**
 7. Keeping Healthy



Please take time to share the Curriculum News with your child and talk to them about what they are learning.

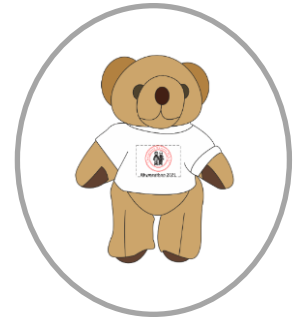
CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to the Rani family who have a new baby boy Divit, a brother for Ujas in the afternoon class.
- Congratulations to the MacHugh family who have a new baby boy Logan, a brother for Michael in the afternoon class.
- Congratulations to the Chambers family who have a new baby boy, a brother for Kathryn in the morning class.

NURSERY RHYMEATHON

We are sending home our sponsor sheets for our Nursery Rhymeathon on Friday 1st March. This is our only big fund raising event of the year and we are looking forward to your support. We have been teaching many of these rhymes during the school year already. There are more details in the 'Rhymeathon Sponsor Pack' envelope. Rhymes for the month will also be included in this pack.

When the children have learned all their nursery rhymes we will have a celebration event on 20th March where the children will perform their rhymes. This will be posted on Seesaw for you all to enjoy. The children will receive a 'Rhymeathon 2024' teddy bear and a certificate to celebrate their achievements.



GROWTH MINDSET FOR NURSERY

As a Nursery staff we have been discussing how to best encourage children to develop a love of learning from their earliest years. We want our children to have a **Growth Mindset** where their abilities and talents can be developed through dedication and hard work.

We are using the following phrases with our children throughout the nursery day to help the children become more motivated and engaged in their play and learning;

"I can do it myself" **"I can try my best"** **"I can think of ideas"**
"I can learn things" **"I like a challenge"** **"Mistakes help me to learn"**

Perhaps you could start using them at home too. Remember the way we as parents talk about ability and learning can have a powerful effect on our children's self-belief!

If your child is struggling with a particular task e.g. zipping up their coat, putting on their shoes, riding a scooter, catching a ball . . . they may be showing signs of frustration saying "I can't!" Listen to their frustrations but encourage them to keep trying by saying "You can't do it **YET** but if you keep trying you soon will".

We can also read books to our children that convey a similar message. A few titles suitable for pre-school children are:

Giraffes Can't Dance by *Giles Andreae*
How To Catch A Star by *Oliver Jeffers*
The Penguin Who Wanted To Fly by *Catherine Vase*



NAME WRITING



Although we do not formally teach the children to write we do encourage those who are keen to try to write their name. We have noticed that many children are using capital letters to write their names. When they start letter formation at Primary school they will initially learn to write and recognise lower case letters. It is however correct to use a capital letter for the first letter of their names.

HAPPY HEALTHY KIDS



We are always trying to promote a healthy lifestyle as part of our nursery curriculum. We hope you enjoyed all the ideas to develop your child's physical skills in our 'Keep Healthy, Keep Moving' Booklets. As part of our March/April learning we will be focusing on ways to keep us healthy and will display photographs in the front hall of how we keep healthy in nursery.

Just a reminder of the importance of suitable clothes for nursery i.e. warm hats, coats and safe shoes with Velcro fastening suitable for outdoor play. Also, at times children's coats and bottoms may get dirty when they play in the mud kitchen, sand pit and the secret garden. This is all part of their nursery experiences.

STAFF CAR PARK

We kindly remind our parents/grandparents and carers not to use the Nursery Staff carpark unless an agreement is already in place with your child's teacher. In line with our Health and Safety Policy, we need access to the car park at all times in case of emergency.

Everyone is welcome to use the main road at the front of the school, the Church carpark across the road or the school carpark between the nursery and primary school.

We thank you for your co-operation.

PARENTAL INTERVIEWS

Parental interviews regarding your child's progress will be held after the Easter holiday's week beginning 15th April. We will be in touch with a date and time after Easter. We will share a written report about your child's learning and discuss next steps.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March 2024 is World Book Day. We are welcoming the Primary 4 children from the Primary School to read lots of fun stories to the children that day and they will bring home their lending library bag as usual. Children will wear their uniform as normal.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 4th March	- Paramedic Simon Bell visits nursery with the ambulance
Thursday 7th March	- World Book Day
Sunday 10th March	- Mother's Day
Monday 18th March	- St. Patrick's Day holiday – nursery closed
Wednesday 20th March	- Rhymeathon Celebration Day
Monday 25th March	- Easter Egg Hunt
Tuesday 26th March	- Banyan theatre “The Gingerbread Man”

EASTER HOLIDAYS

The **AFTERNOON CLASS** finishes on Tuesday 26th March at 2.45 pm

The **FULL TIME CLASS** and **MORNING CLASS** finish on Wednesday 27th March at 11.15 am

Easter Holidays Thursday 28th March – Monday 8th April

Term 3 begins on Tuesday 9th April



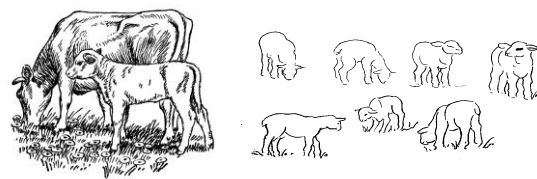
Curriculum News: March

Spring

Talk to me about Spring.

What Spring flowers can you see growing in your garden or in the park? E.g. daffodils, snowdrops, crocuses, tulips....

Eco Elvin is reminding our children to look after their indoor and outdoor environment so we will begin a big Spring clean in our outdoor gardens.



We will talk about animals and their babies.

Look out for Spring lambs in the fields!

Nursery Rhymeathon

This month most of our rhymes are traditional nursery rhymes.

Please practise at home and see how many I already know!



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.

Colours:

Green and **Yellow**

Look out for these bright Spring colours



Shape: Rectangle

Ricky Rectangle is my name

My four sides are not the same

Two are short and two are long

Count my sides, now come along!



Look around for rectangles - books, doors, windows



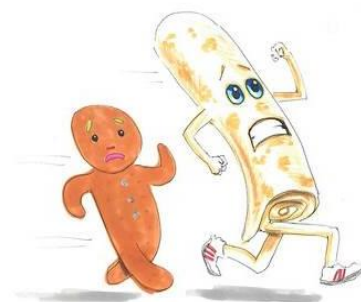
Easter

We are talking about Easter and are having fun with Easter Arts and Crafts this month.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be an exciting event as there are lots of places to find eggs in our Nursery Garden.

Fairytales

We will start to enjoy some familiar Fairytales.



LISNAGELVIN NURSERY SCHOOL - SPONSORED NURSERY RHYMES



Little Bo-Peep

Little Bo-peep has lost her sheep,
And doesn't know where to find them;
Leave them alone, and they'll come home,
Wagging their tails behind them.



Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey diddle diddle the cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon.
The little dog laughed,
To see such fun,
And the dish ran away with the spoon.

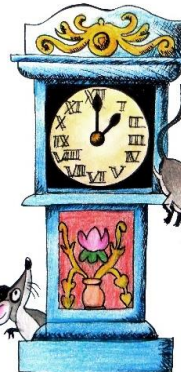
1, 2, 3, 4, 5,

One, two three, four, five,
Once I caught a fish alive,
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,
Then I let it go again.
Why did you let it go?
Because it bit my finger so.
Which finger did it bite?
This little finger on the right.



Two Little Dickie Birds

Two little Dickie Birds sitting on a wall,
One named Peter, one named Paul
Fly away Peter! Fly away Paul!
Come back Peter! Come back Paul!



Hickory, Dickory Dock
Hickory, dickory, dock,
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down,
Hickory, dickory, dock.



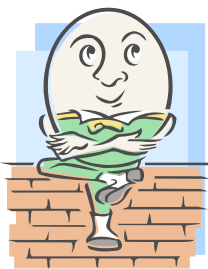
Little Miss Muffet

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds and whey;
There came a big spider,
Who sat down beside her
And frightened Miss Muffet away.



I'm A Little Teapot

I'm a little teapot
Short and stout,
Here's my handle
Here's my spout
When I see the teacups
Hear me shout
Tip me up and pour me out.



Humpty Dumpty

Humpty dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses,
And all the king's men;
Couldn't put Humpty together again.