



## Early Years Update

Summer Term, weeks 1 & 2

(11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April)

### Butterflies/Reception

Everyone returned from the Easter break refreshed and with great attitudes! It was a week of settling back into the routine, getting used to some new routines and exploring the new Outdoors area. For the older children in the setting, this term is all about boosting our skills and building on our prior learning in preparation for our next steps...

Our teaching student Tyla Blundell has returned for her final teaching placement and will be with us for 8 weeks. During this time I will be observing her teach, and working closely with her on the planning. I will be handing much more of the class responsibility to her to prepare her for what teaching is all about, but please don't worry... This term is crucial and very busy, and I am always on hand and very much involved, even if I'm not always visible.

We started by looking at Bees and the importance of them to our ecosystem. We planted Bee friendly plants in our new outdoors area in the hope of helping these very important insects. The children learned about the parts of a bee and how they communicate by 'wagging'!

We then looked at the Queen and the celebration for her Birthday. The children have written invitations on her behalf inviting children to her birthday party, they thought about what kind of presents a Queen would like and listened to the National Anthem and the meaning of the word 'Nation'.

**Next Week:** We will read the story of St. George and the Dragon, talk about what makes a 'Hero' and was what he did heroic? We will work on Castles and Dragons and we will be beginning to practice handwriting every morning before our first Virtual Base. We will be extending our writing skills and be challenged to produce a piece of writing every day, in addition to our usual daily work.

