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Nursery Newsletter

This week we are going to be...

having a bit of a catching up week as well as fitting in a couple of other activities. It has been a while since we sat the whole class down to see how their writing skills are coming on though they are encouraged to write their names on any work they do. The children will be given their name cards and asked if they can copy them out. This activity helps in a wide range of ways. We can see how children are holding their pens and show those that are holding them in a fist grip a more comfortable way of holding them. Some children will dot the letters around the paper or write from right to left so we can demonstrate the directionality of print. We may need to show others where to start their letters so they can write them with greater control. At all times, we praise what is completed if it is the child's best effort regardless of how much resemblance it has to correctly formed letters. We aim to build children's confidence so they are willing to risk writing again.

At some point during the week, we will go on a spring walk and encourage the children to speak about changes they may see in the environment as we walk around as well as noting what else they observe.

We shall be doing some work around pattern making and there will be a number of activities available at all times for the children to access to develop their sense and knowledge of patterns.

In the garden, some birds have nested in one of the bird boxes so we hope to see them flying back and forth with food for any chicks that may have hatched. We will be exploring the different areas of the garden hoping to see a variety of mini beasts which have started to emerge with the warmer weather.

We would still appreciate any £3 donations as so far since Christmas, we have received £23. We use the money to buy tissues, underwear for those children that don't have any spares in their PE bags and have accidents – 11 different children this term, washing up liquid, food colouring, food for the snails, resources such as flowers for experiments, different food items such as porridge, biscuits to ice, Chinese food and we were hoping to buy some caterpillars from Insect Lore to observe transforming to butterflies.

No birthdays this week but with Easter approaching, we need a foster home for the snails. They are low maintenance and the children who have already had the pleasure of their company return to them regularly and have got a lot out of them scientifically.

The Nursery