



## Newsletter March 2021

The last few days have felt like spring has sprung and the children have all enjoyed spending lots of time outside. We have eaten snack outside and had story and singing times outside. We look forward to getting out and about this month and hopefully take the children on some local walks to tie in with our theme of journeys and transport.

### Important Dates:

- Nursery closed on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April until Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April.
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Nursery closed for Bank Holiday
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Nursery closed for Bank Holiday
- Nursery closed Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August until Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

### Allergies within the Nursery

At small Steps we take allergies and food intolerances very seriously and do everything we can to ensure each child's needs are catered for.

We have a child joining the setting who has a serious allergy to sesame.

While we will do everything we can within the setting, we cannot control what foods are being brought in in lunch boxes. So we would ask you to please be mindful when packing lunch boxes about the types of things you are putting in. For example, bread with sesame seeds or cereal bars.

We are also a 'nut free' nursery so please be aware of the foods you are packing and please no whole nuts. They will be returned to you.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

**Please can we only have water in bottles. Thank you.**

### This Month in Butterflies

This month we will be looking at different types of transport.

This week we have been looking at construction vehicles, such as diggers and dumper trucks as the children have shown an interest in the builder's area outside.

We will then move on to activities around cars, buses, trains, planes and boats. The children will have the chance to play with small world toys and take part in craft activities.

We have also been able to get some double pushchairs and are looking forward to getting out and about to look at some real cars, buses and maybe some emergency vehicles.

### This Month in Bumble Bees

This week we have begun our theme of Journeys and Transport by looking at things that travel on the water. We have enjoyed having a pirate themed role-play area and making hats and telescopes.

Over the next few weeks our focuses will be:

- Travelling by train week
- Journeys week
- Travelling road week
- Travelling by air week
- Outer space week

We will be looking at our local area and talking about features within our community. We will look at some maps of Kidlington and draw our own.

We hope that we can get out of the nursery for a walk to look at our local area and see some different types of transport. We will also talk about road safety and how to keep ourselves safe when out in our community.

**The Garden Library**

We will be introducing our Garden Library on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March (World Book Day). Reading and sharing stories is so vital for children's development. It will help their language, literacy and communication skills, as well as imagination and their social and emotional development.

Did you know that if a child has one book a day read to them, by their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday they will have heard 1825 stories.

Our Library Garden will be by the front door and all we ask is that you place any returned book in the box next to it, so they can be cleaned. Please swap books as often as you like.

Please do not worry if they get lost or damaged, as long as the children have enjoyed them!

If you have any old books, please feel free to leave them for others to enjoy.

To celebrate World Book Day everyone will receive a £1 book taken that can be put towards books or there are some special £1 books available (Sainsbury's sell these)



Things to try at home.....

- Talk about how you get to places and talk about landmarks you pass on your way.
- Count cars as you travel along the road. Try to talk about colours as well and count the number of red cars, for example.
- Use any piece of paper or a cardboard box to draw numbered parking spaces on. You can then talk about numbers as you play with your child. You could write the numbers on the cars as well so it becomes a matching game.



Please be aware that the car park is very busy on a Friday afternoon due to the Community Larder in Exeter Hall.

Please take care when crossing the road outside the nursery.

