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This Week:

This week has been lovely to welcome all of our children and parents/carers back in to Nursery again, we hope you had a lovely Easter holiday also a warm welcome to our new starters in nursery this week!

This week in Nursery, the children have been exploring our new topic 'Why do Spiders eat flies?'. We have begun our new story 'What the Ladybird heard.' We have been discussing different animals found on a farm and the sounds they make.

At our mark making table, the children have been colouring pictures of different farm animals. This is helping them to develop their pencil control and keeping within the lines. We have been making collage butterflies allowing the children to further develop their fine motor skills.

On our easel, children have been printing some ladybirds and bees using potatoes! They have produced some fantastic art work!

On our maths table we have been looking at pattern and symmetry. The children have enjoyed making butterflies, looking at matching the coloured lollipop sticks in order and making sure their butterfly is symmetrical.

Gentle Reminder

We open nursery from 8.40am-8.50am, we ask that you read the book or practise their name writing using the name card sheets from their draw and a whiteboard pen from the writing area from and return it after the shaker has been shaken at 8.50am. Books will be changed weekly by a staff member.

Attendance- 98.2%

Next Week:

We will begin to split the children into their phonics



Stars of the week



The Nursery team have chosen:

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*groups since returning
after Easter.*

*Mrs Musgrave/ Miss Terry:
n, p, q, i and o*

*Miss Grimmer: m, a, s, d
and t*

*Mrs Bailey: f, e, l. h and
sh*

Reminders:

*Morning of Wednesday 22nd
April- Wild science visit
(previously creatures arc)*

*If your child does not
attend this date and you
would like them to come,
please inform Nursery
staff and bring your child
at 9.05am to the office.*

*Please note parents must
stay with their children if
it is not their normal
nursery day and wish to
attend.*

*Friday 24th April-Cake sale
in the main school hall.
Please drop off any cakes
between 8.40am-8.50am. A
donation of £1 to be made
by parent pay.*

*Hallie H, Halley M., Charlie
D*



Homework

*Homework will be given out to children on their last day of
every week. Please ensure this is physically handed in either*

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by your child or yourself as members of staff do not check children's bags.

If you have lost your home work or did not receive one due to absence, please collect your own copy from the notice board in the entrance to Nursery.

Reading books

Children in Nursery are encouraged to select a book from the book box on the carpet area. Children should keep the same book for a week and return these on their last day of Nursery every week. Please ensure you change your child's book with them in the morning.

Online Safety

National Online Safety - Suggest Apps and Games for Early Years

National Online Safety believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold informed and age-appropriate conversations about online safety with their child, should they feel it is needed. This weeks focus is “Suggested Apps and Games for Early Years”.

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Suggested Apps and Games For EARLY YEARS



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FISH SCHOOL HD

This app teaches young children (age 2-5) about important things like letters, shapes, numbers and more, all set in a colourful underwater setting with adorable sea creatures. The basic idea has fish and sea creatures forming the shapes of letters, numbers etc that your little one can identify. Developers Duck Duck Moose have a lineage of creating family friendly apps and games with 21 top-selling apps since 2008. Fish School HD has over 50,000 downloads and offers a rounded package of activities, but many other apps by this developer are highly rated and offer a few twists on the formula. As always it's worth checking a few out to see which best suits your child's interests. Fish School HD is available for free on iOS and Android.

GREEN EGGS AND HAM - DR. SEUSS

The classic Dr. Seuss book has been reworked into an interactive adventure for modern day devices, with an emphasis on encouraging literacy learning in younger children. Within the app, there's a few different options on how to enjoy the story; you can read it aloud together, have the app read the book and follow along, or just play the story through automatically. You can even tap on words to hear them individually to practice vocabulary. While the app will set you back £3.79 on Android (£3.99 on iOS) it has an excellent rating and over 10,000 downloads, with many noting how much their young children have enjoyed the story. It speaks volumes about the quality of the work, too, that a book from 1960 can still be read and loved by children some two generations after its initial release.

TOCA LAB: ELEMENTS

Toca Lab is the app of choice in encouraging little scientists to get to grips with elements, our world and how physics and chemistry work. This one might be a little advanced for younger kids and, though it has a PEGI 3 rating, it does recommend ages 6-8 in the description. All 118 elements are present in Toca Labs and kids are encouraged to find and test them all. Experimenting with things like Gold, Neon, Hydrogen and more, it gives a better grasp of how everything in our universe is formed. Bear in mind though that it's not meant to be a scientifically accurate account of how elements react, but to build curiosity in young minds. The app is available on iOS and Android for £3.99.

BAREFOOT WORLD ATLAS

What's the next best thing to travelling the world? Well, for kids with access to an iPad or Apple phone, Barefoot World Atlas could be a close second. In this app available only on iOS for £4.99, kids and adults can explore the globe from the comfort of their own homes and learn all about our planet. The app, which is rated 4+, only appears on Apple devices but the sheer amount of information contained in here will keep curious kids busy for hours on end.


SKETCHBOOK - DRAW AND PAINT (AUTODESK SKETCHBOOK ON IOS)

Encouraging artistic ability at an early age can often be invaluable in letting kid's imaginations loose and there are many apps that allow them to unlock that passion. SketchBook comes highly recommended with over 300,000 reviews. Essentially, the app comprises a blank canvas and a host of "fast and powerful creative sketching tools" like pens, pencils and paint brushes to let those creative juices flow. SketchBook is rated PEGI 3 so even younger children should be able to get to grips with it. However, it could prove a little too complex for some and the large collection of tools and crisp graphics would suit a larger screen like an iPad, over a mobile phone. Despite this, the ability to simply mess around and doodle, coupled with more advanced accessibility later down the line, should make it a must own for all age ranges. The app is free to download on both Android and iOS.


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Just for Fun


LITTLE FRIENDS: CATS & DOGS



If you're looking to introduce pets into the family home but aren't sure about how your children might react, a good way to get your younger ones acquainted with an animal before a big commitment is a game like Little Friends: Cats & Dogs. This Nintendo Switch game tasks players with feeding, playing with and loving their own virtual cat or dog. Much like Nintendo's or even Tamagotchi of the 90s, Little Friends is a fun way to build up confidence to owning a real animal. While only a 1 player game, Little Friends: Cats & Dogs is suitable for all ages and entirely offline, so there's nothing at all to worry about when they're enjoying it alone.




YOUTUBE KIDS




YouTube Kids takes the popular YouTube format and curates a more specialised environment for children to search through. While any age range can benefit from YouTube Kids, the 'Preschool' Mode is specifically designed for kids aged 4 and under. According to the app's description, 'Preschool' Mode promotes creativity, playfulness, learning and exploration through its channels. The inclusion of parental controls (limited screen-time, video blocking and flagging) and strict advert monitoring by YouTube means the experience is incredibly safe for younger kids. It should be noted that in the app description, YouTube say that some inappropriate content can slip through the cracks, but they're constantly implementing updates to stop these. A hugely popular app, YouTube Kids is available on iOS and Android with well over 100 million downloads.

BBC iPLAYER KIDS




This app is designed for kids and lets them watch all their favourite CBBC and CBeebies shows in one place. The simple presentation is super easy to navigate and the app itself is entirely free on both Android and iOS with no adverts whatsoever. BBC iPlayer Kids can download shows to your device's internal storage allowing you to take all the best bits with you when there's no WiFi and multiple profiles mean everybody gets straight to their favourites with minimal fuss. According to the app description, it will ask for your child's name and age to recommend other programmes it thinks they might like.

MARIO KART 8 DELUXE



Mario Kart has been a staple of Nintendo consoles since 1992. It has been a favourite of young and old alike for over 20 years and is always an incredibly fun experience. Now exclusively on the Nintendo Switch with Mario Kart 8, the bells and whistles may have changed, but the enjoyable core gameplay and challenge have not. Suitable for all ages, Mario Kart can be played alone, online or at home with up to 4 players on one screen. The ability to take the Switch out with you into the world and play wherever you like is a huge advantage over other games and means you can always be sure of some quick entertainment.


ROCKET LEAGUE




The concept behind Rocket League takes teams of jet-fuelled cars zipping around football-inspired pitches in an attempt to knock a giant, over-sized ball into nets. Rated PEGI 3, the challenge of Rocket League is probably more suited to those 5 and up, but anybody can enjoy the bright colours and fun gameplay. Rocket League is available on Windows PC, Mac, PlayStation, Xbox One and Nintendo Switch at various price points. Be warned though, you can spend money in the game for certain items so be sure you know when your young ones are playing and what they're buying.


Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.






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Reminders

Please remember to let staff aware if your child is being collected by a different adult. Please can we ask you tell us the name of the adult collecting the child and add it to the child collection board as you enter nursery.



Polite reminder that juice is NOT allowed in Nursery or school. Children are to bring in a bottle of water every day to ensure they are kept hydrated. This also applies for lunch boxes too.

A gentle reminder that we are a nut free school, this also means that if packs state 'may contain traces of nuts' this also cannot be provided in children's pack lunches. Also, within our healthy school policy we ask

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*that sweets and chocolate are not provided in pack lunches.
Thank you for understanding.*

*Please ensure you chose your child's dinner on the
interactive whiteboard with them in the morning before
leaving them or you notify them if they are a school dinner
or packed lunch.*

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