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Where children blossom and grow



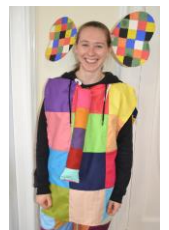
SUMMER SPECIAL NEWSLETTER 2022

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The end of summer term and wow it ended on a scorcher of a week as well! An enormous gold star to the children who were amazing as we changed their routines, changed the use

of rooms to keep them as cool as we could, and an even bigger gold star to our team who 'Kept Cool and Carried on', giving the children a fun time in very unusual circumstances.



Congratulations to Zoe who has passed her Early Years Educator Level 3 exams this week, we are super proud of her achievement.

Congratulations to Amy on the birth of her new baby boy and some of us have been lucky to have a cuddle already.



And now to our Kindergarten leavers .. this is your moment! Some of you have been with us since you were just a few months old and others have joined along the way and we are proud of each and every one of you . We have watched you develop, learning new skills and soaking up the knowledge along the way - we wonder what you will all become .. we think we might have already spotted an engineer, an actor and a palaeontologist or two! Please remember to give us a call in 18 years time and let us know what path they chose to take!



For grown ups this is an emotional time, the next step, but for the little ones it is just so exciting and they are ready . So Kindergarten .. take a deep breath, stand tall and spread those wings .. it is time to fly!

What an action packed summer! We have been growing and nurturing our peas and the children were so excited to finally pick and eat them, we even had them with our lunch.

If we look closer at this activity, the children are learning about where our food comes from, the importance of pollinators in our gardens, they are experiencing eating straight from the pod, they are learning about composting and earthworms. Further more, they are learning to look after living things, show compassion and care. They are understanding about healthy food and cooking. Maths - they are talking about shapes, estimating, counting how many peas are in a pod, weighing them, using mathematical language and comparisons. The children are learning so much when they are having fun at nursery!



This summer we have also learnt about life cycles and nurtured caterpillars right through to the big garden butterfly release.



We have looked at our ant farm and been astounded by the tunnels and chambers that they have made.



We know all about 'Under the Sea' and exotic animals – our beautiful displays really show off the creativity of the children.

Plastic Free North Devon have visited us to teach us about our environment and we had lots of fun using VR headsets virtually swimming with the seals!



We've been eco-printing with dyes from flowers, watering our wild flower garden, measuring sunflowers, sewed and stuffed a gigantic scarecrow called Gerald and we know all about bees gathering pollen.



Every age group have enjoyed oodles of water play, splashing in trays, our babies have paddling in the water, we have been pouring, scooping, stirring and even painting giant ice cubes.

Megan has been coordinating PE with races and fun games. We've had the parachute out and whizzed down the slide. Our sandpit is always a popular choice not to mention the construction corner in our garden with foam builders bricks and high visibility vests!



Of course all the usual fun with exciting and intriguing tuff trays, craft activities, free painting, gluing, small world, dressing up, singing, dancing, loose parts play and

We are so very fortunate to have so many beautiful, shaded areas in our extensive grounds.



The woodland area is so peaceful and provides a wealth of shade along with our new 'Literacy Corner'. This is a lovely space where children can choose a quiet spot to enjoy a puzzle, a game, a story, group singing or even a little nap!





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