

Noah's Ark News

Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter for this term and this week we have been exploring the natural world through our play and resources. Understanding the natural world plays a key part in a child's development by using observational skills, environmental awareness and appreciation of living things, they foster a curiosity of the world around them.

We have been enjoying the early signs of spring with the children doing observational drawings of daffodils. Whilst we were drawing we talked about the different parts of the flower we could see, the green stem and the yellow petals that make up the flower.

We have also done some local walks into the community to see if we could spot some early signs of spring. The children were excited to see some daffodils starting to come up.

In thinking time we have explored our natural world through different books. We have listened to 'Tilda's Sunflower' and talked about what happens when we plant a seed. How when it starts to grow is known as germination and what a seed needs to help it grow, such as light and water. We then drew a picture of a sunflower.

We also looked at a book all about nests and talked about why birds need nests; to keep their eggs safe and what the bird might build their nest out of. We then built our own nest for our bird.

We were kindly bought in some baby spider plants, we talked about the plant and then planted the baby plants in little pots which we will be watching to see how they grow over the coming weeks.

We have also had the small world objects out for the children to engage with this week. We have enjoyed playing with the farm, setting up our fields with different farm animals in and then moving the tractor around the farm. Small world play is great to help children with their imaginative and creative play.

There has also been lots of fun playing with the gloop, this is cornflour and water mixed together. It creates a lovely consistency which the children love to explore, scooping the mixture up and putting it into cupcake cases. The gloop feels very smooth when we touch it.

The Makaton sign for this week, is 'World'.

Wishing you a lovely February half term and we look forward to seeing you back w/c 23rd February. The Noah's Ark Team.



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