

## Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Parents

This week we have been busy making Easter cards in readiness for school closing on Thursday 28th March for the Spring break. The morning session will close at the usual time of 11.45am but the afternoon session will close at 1.30pm in line with the rest of the school.

Summer term begins on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Photographs sent through EvidenceMe will show you close ups of your child's fingers whilst making their card, demonstrating the skills involved with a focus on developing the fine motor skills in readiness for holding a pencil correctly (which then impacts their handwriting as they move into Reception for most children in September). The pincer grasp is the ability to grab a small object with the thumb and index finger. From being babies and feeding themselves to using utensils as they become older, mastering the pincer move means your child will learn to button and zip and draw with increasing control. In the summer term we will begin the Read Write Inc Literacy Scheme. This teaches each letter, the sound it makes and how it is written, the foundations for reading and writing in preparation for the children starting Reception in September.

In Maths we have been comparing length and height using the vocabulary, short and tall, long and short, shorter, taller, longer, shortest, longest and tallest. Whilst playing in the construction area staff modelled this language and also in the playdough area where children were making different sizes of caterpillars. Children were challenged into making the longest caterpillar or the tallest tower for example.

On Friday afternoon we visited the school library which is based on the upstairs corridor. We took with us the class book we had made about The Very Hungry Caterpillar. This was a follow up to our visit upstairs last week to meet the visiting small animal zoo in one of the Key Stage 2 classrooms. As the children's behaviour was so good we have decided to make a weekly visit upstairs to the library alternating with the afternoon then the morning nursery group of children. Staff we passed on the way all commented on the children's behaviour and how sensible they were on the stairs, all staying in line holding the hand rail! We borrowed some books from the library and will return them next week.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Take care,  
Mrs Riley