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# NEWS

## SPRING TERM 2018

Welcome to the beginning of another fun packed term. We've lots of events coming up which lead us into the long awaited, warmer months of Spring. Also find out what we been up to!

### Baby Centre News!

As our baby centre grows we welcome Arlo, Mason, Jonah and Sienna to our room! We cannot wait to help you learn and explore with you all.

Babies have been focusing on the importance of gross motor skills and the initial steps of movement. It is important for babies of all ages to begin moving around their environment. We encourage movement by providing stimulating activities for the children to engage with based on their own preference for example; using sand play on a standing tray to encourage children to cruise around the activity. We have also been encouraging sensory play with our babies. This is an incredibly important aspect of learning as throughout infancy children learn skills through physical touch.

We love exploring in the baby centre and look forward to building all the steps that develop our babies foundation for learning.



### Hedgehogs News!

It's with open arms we welcome **Isabella, Zepher** and **Arlo** to our Hedgehogs room. We look forward to learning and growing together!

In Hedgehogs we have been learning about healthy eating through the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We have also been improving our numerical learning through activities at circle time!

We have been learning about shape and measurements and using measuring containers in sand and water play which teaches about quantity and volume. The children have been very excited to engage with new materials in Hedgehogs and have been using a skittles game to understand cause and effect. The thought behind the activity is that children understand the effect of throwing a ball at skittles to knock them down. We have also been learning about cause and effect of emotions and reading stories such as "I feel happy" to understand the cause and effect our actions have over our emotions and our friends.

### Badgers News!

We are very excited to welcome **Jay, Joshua, Henry, Elijah, Teddy** and **Ruby** to our Badgers family!

In Badgers we had been very busy learning our Christmas Nativity and all about the story of Christmas. Thank you all for coming to our Christmas concert!

We have also been focusing on our fine motor skills learning how to use tools such as scissors and pencils to improve pincer grip and preparation for big school.

Badgers have also shown a great interest in cultures around the world. We have been learning about other children and how they live, what they eat, what pets they have etc. We love to learn about other parts of the world and the children have been sharing stories of their holidays and experiences in other countries!

