

**SPRING IS HERE, LET THE PLANTING COMMENCE!**



**Pre-school  
Newsletter, May 2017**

**Dear parents and carers,**

We hope everyone has been enjoying the dry weather! We have had plenty of time outside in the play areas learning all about springtime and how things grow and change around us.

**Enjoying Spring time!**



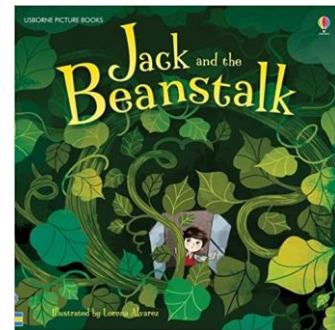
So far this term we have been looking and learning about spring time, the weather, life-cycles and how things around us grow and change. This includes plants, beans, bugs and animals.

The children will be planting seeds, flowers and vegetables with the staff in the garden and also helping with the weeding!

**Story of the Month**



The book we will be reading is Jack and the Beanstalk. The story will complement the new exciting Jack and the Beanstalk role play we have made. The children enjoyed setting up and preparing the role play, especially the giants legs and have been expressing themselves through their imaginative play.



This month we will be singing Mary Mary Quite Contrary.

**Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday  
to Ayesha!!!**

**Save the date Calne  
Carnival date 24<sup>th</sup>  
June!**

## School Transition



Although we work with the local schools in a variety of ways throughout the year, during May we begin our transition support for the children and their parents/carers. You can read more about this on our website news. We were thrilled that so many parents came to the 'starting school parents evening' we held at the Pre-school with the teachers from Fynamore. We had such a fantastic turn out, over 20 parents came. Thank you.

**Please remember to supply a named sun cream and a hat for your children.**



## Easy Quick Pizza

### Ingredients:

- 1 packet puff pastry
- 1 medium chopped onion
- Small tin tomato purée,
- 75g grated cheddar cheese,
- Mushrooms, chopped ham, red or green peppers, olives, sweetcorn.

### Method:

1. Roll out the pastry and use circle cutter to cut out pizza shape.
2. Spread tomato purée on the pastry shape and sprinkle on the toppings and cheese.
3. You can encourage your child to create faces or patterns with vegetables.
4. Place in oven at 180°C for 12-14 minutes, or until the pastry has risen and is golden brown in colour.
5. You can also use a bread roll bread to create a quick lunch idea

We find adding and using pieces of veg as the faces on the pizza is a great fun way to encourage children to try new food.

**Please make sure that you have completed a funding form by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May to access your entitlement with us.**

## Alliteration

Alliteration aims to develop children's understanding of alliteration and helps to tune children's ears to the relationships between the sound structures of words.

Singing rhymes and songs with alliterative lines such as 'Sing a Song of Sixpence' and playing with jingles such as 'Can you count the candles on the cake' help. Ultimately children need to be able to isolate the initial phoneme from the rest of the

word (e.g to be able to say that 'nose' begins with the sound 'n'). Children need to have a wealth of experience of hearing words that begin with the same sound so it is important to keep practicing familiar tongue twisters or introduce more descriptive words when playing alongside them, for example 'juicy jelly', 'sizzling sausages' or 'chunky chips'.

**For Term Time only children half term is 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The second half of term will begin on the 5<sup>th</sup> June.**