

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Dear Parents,

## **Plant Life Cycles**



On Monday, we shared 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle and looked closely at the life cycle of a plant. The children have been diligently planting their own seeds and exploring the wildlife in our outdoor area. Throughout the week, we have observed the cress growing in our small world tray and measured its growth with the fabulous rulers that the children created. The children have started to plot its growth on a chart. They couldn't believe that it grew 5cm in a week! During our baking time, the children prepared egg



and cress sandwiches. What a lovely treat!

## **Outdoor Learning Day**



On Tuesday, Adam and Elizabeth from Edens Forest project led a wonderful outdoor learning day based on The Very Hungry Caterpillar story. In the morning, the children participated in a carousel of practical based activities. They prepared the 'Elder wood' with a peeler and attached butterfly wings to create a beautiful butterfly, designed 'Cress Caterpillars', punched holes into leaves and threaded wool around them to form a cocoon and constructed amazing butterfly collages using the natural materials

surrounding the pond area. The children were delighted to find an array of 'sticky' plants which we used to embellish our tops! During the afternoon session, the children went on a spring nature treasure hunt and were involved in planting a willow arch in our own outdoor area.







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## Donations

Please would you kindly collect washed bottle/jar/milk tops, tin cans as well as pringle/stackers tubes (with lids) and water/pop plastic bottles for a recycling project during our forthcoming 'Jerry Fest' week. We are hoping to create our own musical instruments such as drums

and shakers and use these to perform on stage at the Jerry Fest. Please bring any donations to Reception class by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

## **Home Learning**

Please support your child to complete the Action Word homework sheet in the blue books and read the Ditty book in their reading folders. Please concentrate on reading the story green words and speedy green words in the books as well as reading the stories. The children should be able to read the words quickly in and out of order without hesitation.

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars, Mrs Ward, Mrs Smith and Mrs Rex

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