

Hello to all our lovely Nursery children and their families!

We hope that you've been able to have fun over Easter (and that it involved consuming chocolate!).

Now we are turning our thoughts towards the summer... Our topic for this half term is *Growth and Change* (please see the separate document 'Curriculum Overview Nursery Summer 2020' for more details).

I have been enjoying my daily walk (or jog!) around the village and have noticed so many signs of spring. You might like to go on a spring walk, noticing the changes in the environment (eg leaf buds, blossom, birds building nests etc). I was particularly delighted to find some newly hatched ducklings on the lake near the golf club, a couple of days ago!

Despite not being very green-fingered, I have been trying my hand at growing some flowers and vegetables from seed. I was gratified to see the smallest shoots coming up this morning. If you are able to do something similar, please keep a weekly photo diary of your gardening activities to track their progress through their lifecycle.

As you may recall, we were due to be holding our Phonics Workshop this week so I am attaching the powerpoint presentation that I would have used. I hope that this will help to clarify our approach to teaching phonics and will support you to revise some of the key phonics skills we have been working on. In the weekly update this term, I will continue to add a new Sound of the Week, using the new Floppy's Phonics actions and songs. I haven't yet been able to locate any useful video clips of the actions or songs for this phonics scheme, but I will keep looking for useful resources.

**Please keep a record of any activities you do at home - a scrapbook would be lovely - so that when we get together again, we can all share our experiences.**

Sending our very best wishes to you all,

Mrs Durkin, Mrs Holder and Mrs Flint xxx