

## Important Dates

Thursday 6th March—World Book Day

Friday 21st March — Red Nose Day

Friday 4th April —Hall Hill Farm Trip

Monday 7th April—Parent/Carer Easter Craft Session

Friday 11th April Break up for Easter Holidays.

Return Monday 28th April.

Further information and times for the above events  
will be given out nearer the time.

# Benfieldside Early Years Unit



What will the Early Years  
Children be learning about  
this half term?

## Our Topic this Half Term is: "New Life & Easter"

Below is an overview of what we plan to cover with the Early Years Children this half term. All of our Early Years children (Nursery and Reception) will be developing skills through the same topic but the activities will be delivered at a level appropriate to their age and stage of development. We plan all of our activities around the seven areas of learning, but our children also initiate their own learning through free choice activities and we do try to follow the children's interests, therefore our planning is flexible and subject to change.

<b>Personal, Social &amp; Emotional</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think Equal PSED Programme to help us develop an awareness of our different feelings and emotions.</li> <li>• Settle back into the early Years Unit &amp; reinforce rules and routines.</li> <li>• Recall what happened over the half term break.</li> <li>• Discuss different feelings we experience.</li> <li>• Discuss how we can help others.</li> <li>• Look at charities and how we can raise money for Red Nose Day.</li> <li>• Discuss how we love our mum's and celebrate this on Mother's Day .</li> <li>• How we celebrate new life and The Easter Story.</li> </ul>
<b>Communication, Language &amp; Literacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read, Write Inc. and Letters and Sounds activities to promote communication, literacy and language skills..</li> <li>• Reception children will be developing letter formation and blending and segmenting sounds/words.</li> <li>• Nursery children will be developing an awareness of rhythm &amp; rhyme</li> <li>• NELI Preschool Programme for Nursery children.</li> <li>• Look at the life cycle of a chicken.</li> <li>• Match animal babies.</li> <li>• Celebrate World Book Day and recognise the importance of books.</li> <li>• Enjoy Spring and Easter poems.</li> <li>• Enjoy farm stories and The Easter Story.</li> </ul>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number Rhymes</li> <li>• Number Recognition &amp; ordering</li> <li>• 2D &amp; 3D Shapes in environment</li> <li>• Measures: weight &amp; Capacity vocabulary and comparisons.</li> <li>• Measures: length &amp; height</li> <li>• Time/Days of week</li> <li>• Colour &amp; Patterns</li> <li>• Representing numbers/information in Graphs</li> </ul>

<b>Understanding of the World</b>  (ICT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn about farm animals and their babies.</li> <li>• To develop an understanding of the life cycle of a chicken.</li> <li>• Set up our Nursery gardening area, planting seeds.</li> <li>• To investigate the season Spring.</li> <li>• To explore Easter Traditions.</li> <li>• Mouse Control through various computer programmes</li> <li>• Interactive Whiteboard</li> <li>• Use ICT equipment such as Ipads, easi speak, and remote control bugs.</li> </ul>
<b>Physical Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sticky Kids Warm Up CD in hall</li> <li>• Dance</li> <li>• Action Rhymes at Discovery Den</li> <li>• Outdoor area</li> <li>• Forest School</li> <li>• Dance</li> <li>• Functional Development Skills (Coach)</li> <li>• Get Sett Go Programme (Coach) Nursery Children.</li> <li>• Mark Making activities</li> </ul>
<b>Creative Development</b>  ( Music/Drama)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make Collage Chicks</li> <li>• Create animal Paintings/collage</li> <li>• Spring Collage/Paintings (daffodils)</li> <li>• Mother's Day Cards/Gifts</li> <li>• Easter crafts</li> <li>• Easter Parent/Carer craft session</li> <li>• Create a Farm Display</li> <li>• Sing Nursery Rhymes &amp; play musical instruments</li> <li>• Sing Easter/Spring songs</li> <li>• Farm role play area</li> <li>• Easter dressing up costumes</li> </ul>