

February Fun!

Children remember more when learning is fun, and hands on! This is why you won't observe static tasks, such as worksheets, at Kingswood. The Nursery children walked to the allotment this week, and spotted a variety of different birds. Before the end of Spring term all of them will be able to experience some very unique observations through interaction with different animals. Spring really is an exciting time!



We also avoid using lots of screens and technology with the children as they are exposed to this so much outside of school. This week is Internet Safety Week—please take note of the advice below to ensure appropriate boundaries are in place for your children.



Thank you for your support in adhering to our expectations for packed lunches. We have observed a noticeable change in the quality of lunches. You may have a slip sent home as a reminder of what to avoid.

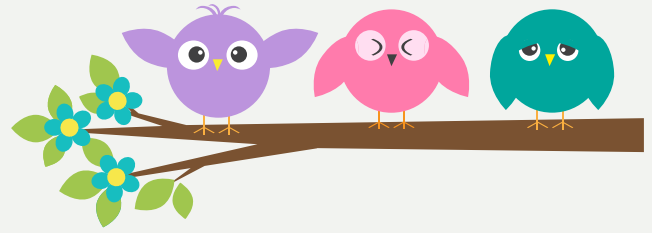


Our aim to develop children's independence will become a greater focus after half term, especially as the warmer months prevent an ideal time to toilet train.

All of this supports your child to grow into a healthy and happy individual! It is a privilege for the Kingswood Team to contribute towards this.



Mrs Macdonald



Spring Term Dates

**Nursery Admissions Close:
Friday 1st March**

**Stay and Play with your child
13th and 14th February**

**SCHOOL CLOSED
Half Term
Monday 19th to Friday 23rd
February**

**WORLD BOOK DAY WEEK
11th to 15th March
to include Parents Reading
Rota**

**End of Spring Term
Pre School:
Wednesday 27th March
Nursery:
10-12pm Thursday 28th March**



Ways to Wow this week!

Conjunctivitis Outbreak

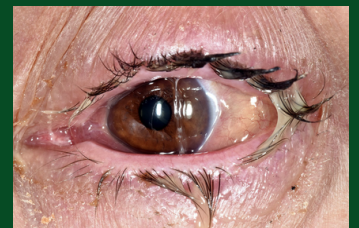
We have a growing number of children experiencing conjunctivitis at school. Although harmless, it is highly contagious if left untreated.

Symptoms include:

- Red eyes
- Burning or feel gritty in the eye
- Producing yellow pus that sticks to lashes
- Itchy eyes or watery eyes

If your child has any of these please visit a pharmacist to seek advice and obtain medication. We request you keep your child at home for the first 24 hours of treatment to limit cases in school.

Many thanks for your cooperation with this.



Come and Play!



Do you know what 'Learning through Play' looks like?
Do you marvel at what your child tells you about their day?
Do you want to know more about our 5 Ways to Wow curriculum?
Would you like an opportunity to look at our floor books?

**Come and join us for our Spring Stay and Play session !
This will provide you with an opportunity to spend an hour playing with your child in a session.**

- Sign up for a session that your child would usually attend
- We only have space for just one parent to attend per child
- We do not have space to accommodate siblings
- No mobile phones to be used during the session

Some children can become upset when their parent leaves. Aim to book a slot where your child can leave the session with you.

Spaces are limited so you will need to book in. Sign Up sheets are on the door to Pre School and Nursery.





Safer Internet Week



Your child is growing up in a fast paced technological world, which is both exciting but also exposes them to risks within their own home, that previous generations never experienced. The need to understand the associated dangers of going online is more important than ever.

20% of 3 and 4 year olds have their own tablet and 50% of 3 and 4 year olds are online for over an hour a day.

Research shows that smartphones in the home are disrupting children's developmental journey because parents are interacting with their phone rather than their child. This is leading to a greater amount of children with speech and language difficulties and challenging behaviour.

This week is Safer Internet Week, and we will be reminding the children in school of how to be safe when accessing apps and the internet. Key messages include:

- Only use a device such as phone or tablet if an adult is in the same room.
- Always tell a grown up if you see something online that makes you scared.

This forms part of our 5 Ways to Wow outcome: To be confident.













Parents:

- Ensure parental settings and safe search are set on any device your child is accessing.
- Limit online access, so that children have a greater amount of time screen free.
- Keep devices out of the children's bedroom and the bathroom. This sets up important boundaries for the future.
- Encourage children to make choices about what they watch and the apps they use, rather than mindlessly scroll.
- Make time to engage with your child without the distractions of a phone or screen.
- Remember an ipad or phone IS NOT a babysitter.

More information can be found at: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Our 5 Ways to Wow Curriculum

This outlines our 5 outcomes we want children at Kingswood to leave with.

	<p>I can converse.</p> 	<p>I use an extensive vocabulary to add detail to my explanations and observations.</p>
	<p>I care.</p> 	<p>I have a positive sense of self so that I can independently participate in a small group, and the wider community.</p>
	<p>I make connections.</p> 	<p>I can make links in my learning to deepen my understanding of the world.</p>
	<p>I am creative.</p> 	<p>I relish participating in stories, music, songs or rhymes, and I use materials both imaginatively and with a purpose.</p>
	<p>I am confident.</p> 	<p>I can take risks, stay safe and willingly engage in new experiences.</p>