



### ***We have some great news...***

The builders have given us a start date to re-build the Baby Barn on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022. We have had the opportunity to re-design the barn and are now introducing a sleep room, play area and kitchen. We will have trellising along the front of the barn, so we can grow climbers up it and attach sails, to give us more protection in the summer months.

### ***Some of our learning this term...***

#### **\*Oral Hygiene\***

Interestingly, when we have been discussing oral hygiene with the children, many of them told us they only brush their teeth before they go to bed. This then provoked a conversation about the damage certain foods and drinks can cause to teeth and how we must brush them at least twice a day. The recommendation is to brush teeth for two minutes. We sat with the children and played a song lasting two minutes and they were surprised at how long they need to brush their teeth. The children were able to make their own mouthwash and toothpaste and had the chance to clean the model mouth, which had biscuit stuck in its teeth.

#### **\*Life Cycle of frogs\***

We were very lucky to be given some frog spawn which, we have been observing over the last few weeks, watching them transform into tadpoles. The children have helped, by giving them some pond weed and recently they added stones, so they will be able to move above water when they eventually turn into frogs. We have been singing and reading about frogs, learning about the life cycle they go through, from frog spawn to tadpoles to frogs.

#### **\*Signs of Spring\***

With the clocks changing and the weather becoming warmer we have been learning about the signs of spring. The children have been bird watching, looking at the different types of buds on the trees and watched Craig cut the grass for the first time this year, waiting in anticipation to see the maze he has mowed into the grass. We are really looking forward to seeing the flowers on our "parent" tree bloom. Our strawberry plants have been planted and soon the veg beds will be dug over for our first crops to be planted.

### **Nursery News**

Due to personal reasons, we have sadly said goodbye to Debbie, who I am sure you will agree was a great member of The Shepherd's Hut. We are in the process of recruiting a Baby Barn room leader and we are sure the person who takes up the position will settle into their role and will also be a great asset to The Shepherd's Hut.

- Please remember to label all items of clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes etc.
- If your child sleeps during the day, please provide them with a blanket which will be returned at the end of the day. (COVID policy).
- The days are being a little kinder to us, however, it is still chilly and layering your child's clothes is the best way to keep them warm. During the sunny days, please send your child in wearing sunscreen and provide them with a named sun hat.
- Provide a named bottle of sunscreen which can be applied during the day by a team member.
- Please drive within the 30-mile limit down Nash Lee Road and park your car considerately. We do have a large amount of farm and lorry traffic turning around in the hammerhead.

### **Coming up...**

This term we will be learning about:

- Eid/Ramadan -
- VE Day -
- Space -
- Bees -
- The Ocean -
- The Queens Platinum Jubilee -

### **AOB...**

We are currently collecting cardboard tubes (i.e. empty kitchen rolls, **not toilet rolls**). If you have any, please could you bring them in by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Many thanks!

### **\*Summer Holiday Club\***

We are now taking priority bookings for our holiday club

Dates: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (09:00 – 14:00)

To book, please email Olivia on [office@shepherdshutdaynursery.co.uk](mailto:office@shepherdshutdaynursery.co.uk)

***Please note we are closed for Bank Holidays.***