

## Communication and Language

### National Unicorn Day

For this day our babies will enjoy activities based around the story 'that's not my unicorn'. Reading is a great way to promote a language rich environment as the children will be hearing lots of new words, they will also get to feel the different textures. Our older children will also listen to unicorn themed books and will be asked open ended questions to encourage the children's thinking and language skills.

## Personal, Social and Emotional

To continue looking after ourselves we will be supporting children in talking about their own feelings with both their peers and adults, a great way to do this for our youngest children is by discussing those emotions during story time and play which will help them develop friendships. For our older children this also links in well with encouraging them to make healthy choices.

## Physical

### World Health Day

As the theme for this year is 'Health for All' all children will be learning about looking after ourselves by eating healthy and exercising. They will do cooking activities as a team which will involve using their fine motor skills to cut different types of food as well utilising the space around the setting to do different types of exercising ie yoga and ball games.

## Expressive Art & Design

### World Penguin Day

All the children will get to learn about the different species of penguins and whilst the youngest children get to explore penguin themed sensory bins the older children will get to create their own habitat. This will be a great way to develop within their pretend play as well as being able to make simple structures. For the children in pre school it allows them to use their own ideas as well as joining different materials and textures.

# April 2023

## Focus Theme – Spring



## Understanding the World

As the weather is starting to become a little bit warmer all the children will be taking part in being gardeners around the setting. We are very excited to start using our poly tunnel which will enable the children to plant their own fruit and vegetables. They will learn about what seeds need in order to grow ie temperature, watering etc. The children will also get to plant their own sunflower seeds and we will continue to measure and compare how tall each of them are growing.

## Literacy

The children will get to enjoy lots of spring themed nursery rhymes during their key group and circle time and some will even contain props to help build their listening and attention skills. We will encourage our younger children to mimic any actions to the songs and they will all be explore tuff trays based around certain songs.

## Mathematics

The children will get to enjoy going on a Spring Nature Trail within our local community. It will be a great time for them to look for certain natural resources such as daffodils, flower buds, insects and bords. All children will have access to a board and pen so they can mark make to determine how many of each object they see as well as comparing sizes and weights. The children will be welcome to bring back any resources they find to add to into the areas around the setting ie play dough table and mud kitchen.

As a setting we make sure that each activity is adapted to suit each individual child's stage of development. Even though we have a focus theme each month we will continue to extend children's learning by following their own interests.