

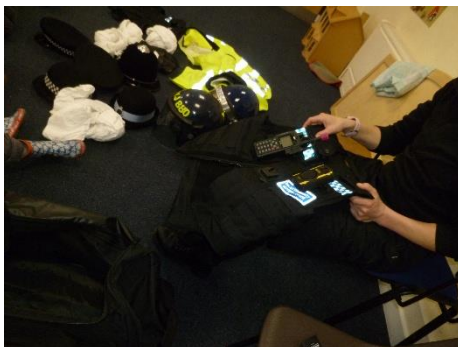
Butterfly Nursery Learning Focus Share for Summer Term 1

At nursery, we often support the children in learning about protective behaviours. This is so we can help the children develop a sense of safety and teach them how to recognise if they feel unsafe and what they can do to help themselves. We have recently been supporting children in identifying who can help us and keep us safe using our network hand too.

We have been so lucky to have a very special visitor, as a local community officer has been to see us not once, but twice! Officer Steph came to talk to us all about her job and how she helps to keep our community safe. The children were overjoyed to try on some of Steph's uniform such as her jacket and hat.



On Steph's second visit she asked the children if they could remember what her job was, many answered that her job was to 'keep us safe'. She revisited her role, and the children got to have a go at having their fingerprints taken! The children showed high levels of engagement during this activity and tried hard to print each individual finger on both hands.



Wow! What a wonderful turnout we had for our Easter Workshop. We had a range of exciting learning opportunities available, such as planting a sunflower, creating patterns on Easter eggs, pom pom painting with pegs to develop our fine motor skills and so much more. Of course, a favourite activity was creating Easter nests by melting chocolate! A huge thank you to all those that attended, we very much hope you had as much fun as the children did. We look forward to the next workshop.



Our children that have time in the Nook had a wonderful walk around our community where they stopped off at St Mary's Church and sang Easter songs before venturing to see the ducks and swans on the canal. They ended their walk with a wonderful trip to the library to share some Easter stories. The children were all so engaged throughout the walk!



With the warmer weather finally upon us the children have thoroughly enjoyed engaging in some large water play. We have been using drainpipes, tea pots, buckets, spoons, ladles and more to transport and explore water. This has really tested the children's critical thinking skills as they have tried and tested the resources to see which fill up the large buckets quickest.



One child actually wanted to pour water in the tray from a height and strategically placed a drainpipe. He then used blocks to enable him to reach this drainpipe. We used key language such as 'pour' and 'flowing' throughout this activity.

VE Day!

On Thursday 8th May Yellow group enjoyed celebrating VE Day in nursery through some collaborative art. In our groups we talked about VE Day, sharing the Union Jack and exploring the colours red, white and blue. In our groups we firstly challenged the children to make lines down and across on the paper, which are important early writing skills. We then carried on using these colours to create a collage which we have proudly displayed in our group areas.



In our last learning focus, we shared how the children had loved mark making in a variety of ways. To challenge the children further with their mark making we decided to make the most of the sunshine and explore shadows! We chose to use dinosaurs as the children have been enjoying learning new knowledge about them recently. We rolled out a long roll of wallpaper and worked carefully to draw around the shadows of the dinosaurs. Some children were so precise and took such care in their drawings it was wonderful to see! We decided to make a dedicated area for this in the environment to continue to challenge their mark making skills linking with their current interest.

