

### Butterfly Nursery Learning Focus Share Spring 3

In Butterfly Nursery we are beginning to learn more about Spring. We have been noticing the changes in the garden as the weather is starting to get warmer. Although a little of snow at the end of this week has sparked discussions about "Is it still winter?"

We have been talking about animals and their babies, especially those that are born during the Spring time.

In the garden we have been exploring an animal number hunt and spotting numbers hidden around our garden environment. We have trying to recognise numerals 0-10.

We have offered the children an activity to uncover the hidden animals with paint brushes. The motion of moving the paintbrush is good for developing the muscles in the hands.



In our water play we have had farm animals and their babies. We have been developing nurture skills by taking care of the animals by washing and drying them gently.

We have been looking closely at pictures of animals that are born in the spring like chicks, calves, and kits (baby rabbits). Using pens as a media, we have carefully made marks to represent how we see the animals.



In our Beech room, we have set up a restaurant. We have been using communication skills to talk/gesture to each other to take orders, ask for money and serve each other food. We are finding that the children have loved exploring the new role play area.



To compliment our new restaurant, we made salt dough food. We patted, rolled, pressed, squashed and moulded the dough to represent our favourite food. Next, we will be baking the dough and then painting our food to put in our Restaurant.



In Maple room, the farm and animals have been added in for our children in purple family group to explore as we begin to talk about Spring.

We are focusing on the question of "What's in the garden?". We have set up a small world tray representing a garden with resources that are associated with being outdoors for example a slide, a see-saw, grass, flowers, trees and play people for the children to explore. We are giving opportunities to develop imaginative play.

