# CLASSNOOM ISIEHTER March 2024

### **Important Dates**

Spring Term Ends - Thursday 28th March Easter Holiday Club - 2nd - 12th April Summer Term Begins - Monday 15th April Summer Term Ends - Friday 19th July



## 2 Year Old Funding

If your child is two before 31st March 2024, please ensure you apply for your funding code at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. We need this code along with the NI of one parent (and whose code that is) to add you on the system. All codes must be applied for **before 31st** March for your funding to be valid in April.



#### **CLOSSTOOM NEWS - HEdgehogs**

#### Hi everyone!

We have had a lovely beginning of term watching how all the children in Hedgehogs are growing and learning new things every day. Each key person will be doing their Next Steps for each individual child and sending them out. As the weather outside is hopefully getting warmer, we will be spending a lot more time using our outside spaces. Please remember to pack coat, gloves, hats, wellies, and all waterproofs (and ensure that they are named). All children also need to have indoor and outdoor shoes to prevent contamination coming into our classroom for our crawling babies. A little reminder for all parents to collect their children on the times you've booked as we are only staffed within ratios for the booked times.

Our theme in March will be Farms. We will be exploring the different farm animals and using a lot of the small world models on the carpet. We will be talking a lot about each animal and what noise they can make as well as exploring all our farm books and animal play cards. Our milking skills will be put to the test in sensory play using gloves filled up with water/milk. The sensory tray will also be using hay, mud shaving foam and gloop with the animals. We will be making lots of animal pictures using different resources and tools and looking at how they work. Taking advantage of our location, we will also be going for walks seeking out sheep and horses and a black cat on our travels, as well as feeding the birds. Our core songs for March are 'Baa-Baa Black Sheep' and 'Old MacDonald', for which we have a song bag which the children really enjoy.

In April, our theme will be Spring/New Life - we will be making our own little flowers pots using seeds and soil which will help with our fine motor skills as we fill and empty containers. Our sensory tray will become a rainbow tray using different resources and we will be looking at colours whilst we make different marks. Our walks will include looking at the different plants we can see around us and we will be creating a spring tree and learning what we can put on it such as birds, bird nests, butterflies and bumble bees.

#### Shakira Sophie, Fran, Katarina, Sumi, Megan, Helen and Tracy