



A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSERY MANAGEMENT TEAM

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May has been such a joyful and energetic month here at Millwood House.

With the warmer weather finally arriving, the children have spent more time outdoors, exploring, imagining and learning through the world around them. Each room has embraced their monthly themes with such enthusiasm, and it has been wonderful to see the children's confidence, curiosity and creativity continue to grow.

We Value Your Feedback

At Millwood House, we truly value the opinions of our families. Your feedback helps us continue to grow, reflect and provide the warm, nurturing environment we are so proud of.

We have received some lovely reviews on our Day Nurseries page, and we are incredibly grateful for the kind words many of you have already shared.

If you have a moment, we would be so appreciative if you could also leave us a Google review. These reviews really help other families discover us and support our little independent nursery.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our Millwood House community.

Sun Creams and Nut Allergies

We ask all parents to check the sun cream you send in for your child. Please ensure that the product does not contain any nut-derived ingredients, as we have children in the nursery with severe nut allergies.

The ingredients to look out for are:

Almond oil / Prunus amygdalus dulcis

Hazelnut oil / Corylus avellana

Macadamia oil / Macadamia ternifolia

Shea butter / Butyrospermum parkii

Argan oil / Argania spinosa kernel oil

Sesame oil / Sesamum indicum

Kukui nut oil / Aleurites moluccanus

Please check the label every time you buy a new bottle.

Even trace amounts in lotions, creams or sprays can pose a significant risk, so we ask that all families take a moment to read the ingredient list carefully and purchase a nut-free option.

If you are unsure whether your current sun cream is suitable, please speak to a member of the team and we will be happy to help.

Thank you for helping us keep every child safe and well during the sunny months ahead.

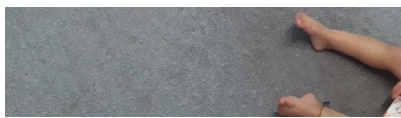
A LOOK BACK AT LAST MONTH

Ladybirds

This month the Ladybirds have had a roaring good time exploring their dinosaur theme!

The children have loved stomping around like dinosaurs, pretending to be mighty T-Rexes and gentle herbivores. They've also enjoyed squishing and digging through slime and playdough, discovering textures and shapes with a variety of dinosaur toys. These activities have sparked wonderful conversations about size, movement, and the world of prehistoric creatures — all while strengthening fine motor skills and imagination.





Caterpillars

The Caterpillars have loved exploring their Transport theme this month!

They've talked about different ways we travel — on the roads, through the air, and across the sea — sparking lots of curiosity and conversation. The children have been busy making colourful hot-airballoons, riding on their homemade Millwood Bus, and learning about road safety, including how to stay safe near traffic and recognise important signs.

These activities have encouraged creativity, teamwork, and an early awareness of the world around them.



Butterflies

The Butterflies have had an exciting month exploring their Transport theme, with plenty of opportunities for imagination and role play.

The children have loved riding the bus, taking a plane to America and Spain, and even going on a car journey to the beach — all through their wonderful storytelling and play.

We also had great fun when the Cosy Coupe cars “broke down”. The children worked together to fix them like real mechanics, checking wheels, tightening parts and solving problems. Once repaired, the cars enjoyed a well-deserved trip through the car wash, giving the children a chance to explore water play and teamwork.

Throughout the month, the children have talked about coaches, caravans, tractors and emergency vehicles, building vocabulary and learning about the different ways people travel and work in the community.



**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE
LADYBIRD ROOM**



This month, the Ladybirds will be exploring the wonderful world of flowers. The children will have the chance to plant their own seeds, learning how to care for them by keeping them watered and watching them grow day by day.

We'll also be exploring textures, colours and scents through a range of sensory activities, including frozen flowers, flower-themed sensory trays, and painting with real flowers.

These experiences will support creativity, language development and early understanding of nature — all while giving the children plenty of opportunities to get hands-on and curious.

The ladybird book of the month will be: **“The Garden” pop-up peekaboo**
Usborne book





WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE CATERPILLAR ROOM



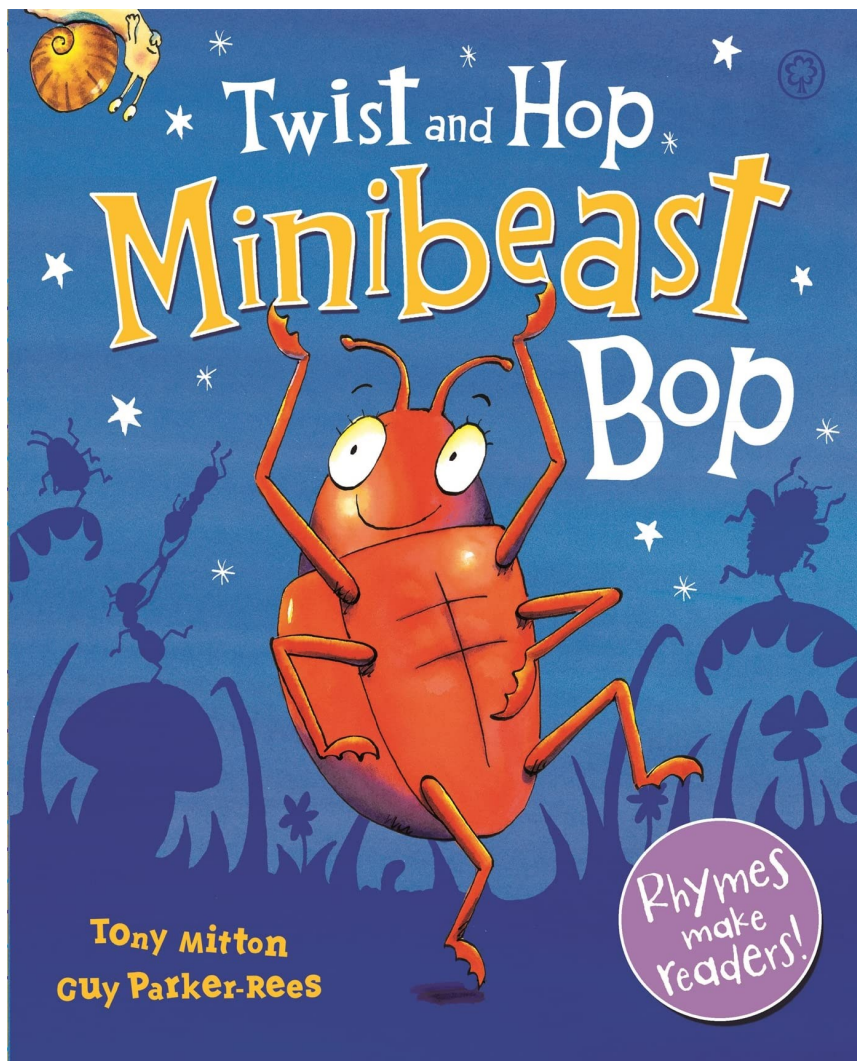
This month, the Caterpillars will be diving into the fascinating world of mini-beasts. The children will be heading out into the garden for bug hunts, searching for worms, beetles, ladybirds and other tiny creatures that spark their curiosity.

They'll explore a range of mini-beast sensory trays, encouraging them to feel different textures and use tools such as tweezers and magnifying glasses to take a closer look at the bugs they discover. During group time, we'll be using flashcards to help the children identify different mini-beasts and build their vocabulary.

The Caterpillars will also enjoy plenty of creative activities, including making cotton-wool caterpillars, bug masks, and other crafty creations inspired by the creatures they find.

These experiences will support fine motor skills, language development and a growing understanding of the natural world.

The Caterpillars book of the month will be: **"Twist and Hop the Minibeast Bop"**



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE BUTTERFLY ROOM



June is set to be an exciting month for the Butterflies as they explore the wonderful world of Science. Each week will focus on a different area, giving the children

Week 1 – Biology

We'll begin by learning about healthy eating and bacteria growth, helping the children understand how to keep their bodies healthy.

The children will take part in a cooking activity to support discussions around nutritious foods, and they'll explore fruit and vegetables in the role-play area. We'll also talk about personal hygiene, including how bacteria spreads and why handwashing is so important.

Week 2 – Chemistry

Next, the children will explore simple chemical reactions. They'll observe exciting experiments such as Mentos and Coke, create their own volcanic eruptions, and explore colour-changing cabbage water. These activities will spark curiosity and help the children begin to understand cause and effect.

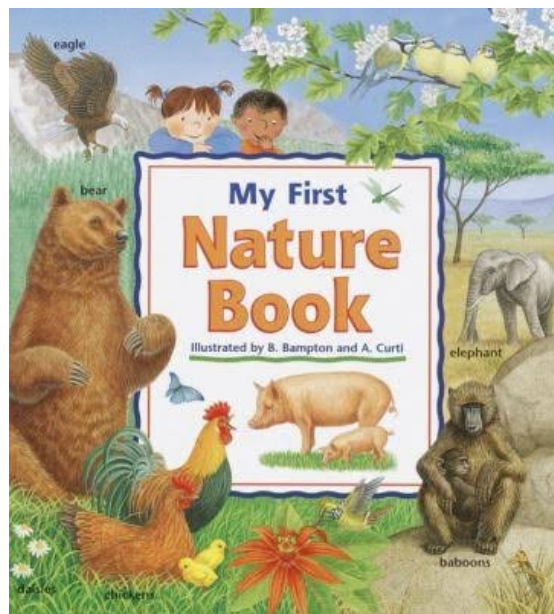
Week 3 – Physics

In Week 3, the Butterflies will investigate the world of physics. They'll explore circuits, experiment with gravity, and begin to learn about space, planets and how things move. These hands-on activities will encourage problem-solving, prediction and early scientific thinking.

Week 4 – Revisiting Favourites

To finish the month, we'll revisit some of the children's favourite experiments and activities, giving them the chance to build on what they've learned and explore their interests further.

The Butterflies book of the month will be: **"My First Nature Book"** by **Angela Wilkes**



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

This month offers lots of lovely opportunities to build on the children's learning at home through simple, playful activities.

Ladybirds (June: Flowers)

You can support your child's learning at home by exploring the world of flowers together.

Plant seeds together – cress, sunflowers or herbs are perfect for little hands.
Talk about what plants need to grow.

Watering jobs – let your child help water plants in the garden or on the windowsill.

Go on a flower hunt – look for different colours and shapes on walks. These simple activities help build language, curiosity and early understanding of nature.

Caterpillars (June: Minibeasts)

You can extend your child's minibeast learning at home with fun, hands-on activities.

Garden bug hunts – look under stones, logs and leaves. Talk about what you find.

Creative crafts – make cotton-wool caterpillars, paper-plate ladybirds or bug masks.

Read minibeast stories – books like *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* or *What the Ladybird Heard* support vocabulary and interest. These activities help children develop observation skills, confidence and a love of the natural world.

Butterflies (June: Science)

You can support your child's science learning at home with simple, safe and engaging activities.

Biology

Healthy eating chats – talk about fruits, vegetables and why our bodies need them

Cooking together – let your child help chop soft fruit, mix ingredients or prepare snacks.

Handwashing practice – explore how germs spread using glitter or paint on hands.

Chemistry

Simple reactions – mix baking soda and vinegar to make fizzing bubbles.

Ice melting – freeze toys in ice and explore how to melt them.

Physics

Gravity play – drop different objects and talk about which fall faster.

Ramp building – use books and cardboard to roll cars down slopes.

Space chats – look at the moon, stars or pictures of planets.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 8th June - World Oceans Day (lots of water play)

Thursday 11th June - the start of the World Cup

Thursday 18th June - International Picnic Day.

We invite all children to join us for a teddy bears picnic, weather permitting we will all be in the garden enjoying a picnic with our cuddly friends.

Friday 19th June - Father's Day breakfast 8.30-10.00 am

Wednesday 24th June - Sports Day

Tuesday 30th June - as part of their Science theme, Butterflies will be celebrating international Asteroid Day

Tuesday 28th July - Graduation and Summer Party

REMINDERS

With the weather warming up, please can we ask all parents to apply suncream before children arrive at nursery and supply a bottle to keep at nursery to enable us to reapply when needed (*please read our Sun Cream announcement above*).

Children are not permitted to enter the building eating snacks from their car journey, we currently have some severe allergies onsite and we need to do our best to keep Millwood House a secure environment for all children.

Please can we remind all parents to **reconfirm your childcare code** on the Government website before the deadline. This ensures your funding remains active and avoids any disruption to your entitlement.

☆ WE NEED YOUR STAR POWER! ☆ SHARE YOUR MILLWOOD HOUSE EXPERIENCE

We absolutely love being part of your child's journey, watching them learn, grow, and thrive here every day.

We believe in continuous improvement, and the best way we can ensure we're providing outstanding care is by hearing directly from you!

Why Your Feedback Matters

Your reviews on Google are incredibly important! They help us:

Celebrate the hard work and dedication of our brilliant staff (especially those in the Caterpillar and Butterfly Rooms!).

Guide other local families who are looking for the perfect nursery.

Improve our service and facilities.

Tell Us What You Think!

It only takes two minutes to make a huge difference.

Please consider sharing your honest feedback about:

The warmth and professionalism of our staff.

The progress in your child's development (confidence, communication, etc.).

Our amazing outdoor space and activities.



review us
on Google



We have had some lovely reviews left for us on [The Day Nurseries website](#), please feel free to leave a [review](#) and also on [google](#). You can ask member of staff for a form or use the QR code link that can be found on the outdoor notice boards

In addition we would encourage your review and positive comments on our [google](#) business page.





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