



A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSERY MANAGEMENT TEAM

April has brought some lovely sunshine to Millwood House. The lighter days, the children's excitement outdoors, and the wonderful learning happening across all rooms have made the nursery feel especially vibrant. It's been a joy watching the children explore springtime changes, care for living things, and grow in confidence with every new experience.

We've had a busy month filled with creativity, curiosity, and community spirit — from planting seeds in the garden to celebrating cultural events together. Thank you for the enthusiasm you bring to every activity, whether it's sharing photos of family pets or supporting our themed days.

As we move further into spring, we're looking forward to more outdoor adventures, more opportunities for the children to express themselves, and more moments that remind us why Millwood House is such a special place to be.

A big shout out to Sam, Luca's dad, for bringing tiddles the tortoise into nursery. The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing if she was hungry and learning how to clean her shell.







A LOOK BACK AT LAST MONTH

Ladybirds have had a lovely month exploring *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. The children enjoyed tasting all the different fruits from the story and taking part in sensory play inspired by the book. They also had great fun dressing up for St George's Day and finished the week with a delicious afternoon tea.

Caterpillars - This month the children have loved learning about planting and growing. Each child planted their own seeds and has been taking great care of them every day, making sure they have plenty of water and sunlight. It has been wonderful to see their excitement as they check on their plants and talk about how they are growing.

Butterflies - April has been such a fun and engaging month as the children learned all about animals from around the world. They explored different habitats, discovered which animals make good pets, and enjoyed lots of hands-on activities to bring their learning to life. The Butterflies are *still* talking about Tiddles coming to visit — a highlight that certainly made the topic even more memorable for them.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE LADYBIRD ROOM

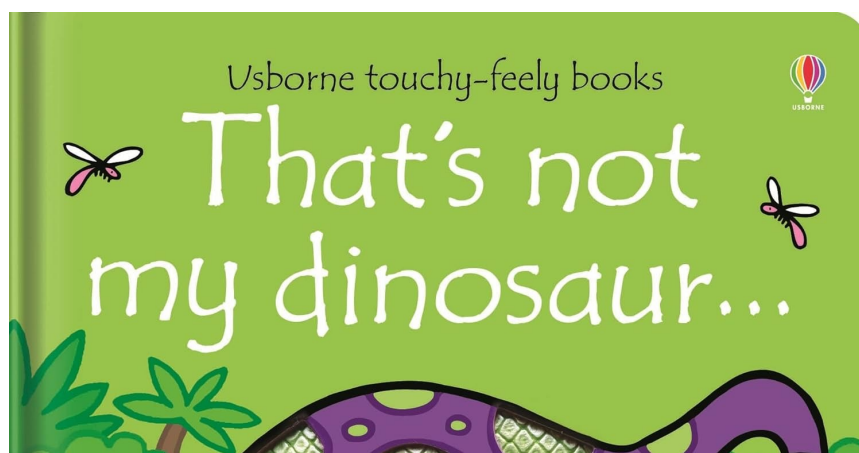
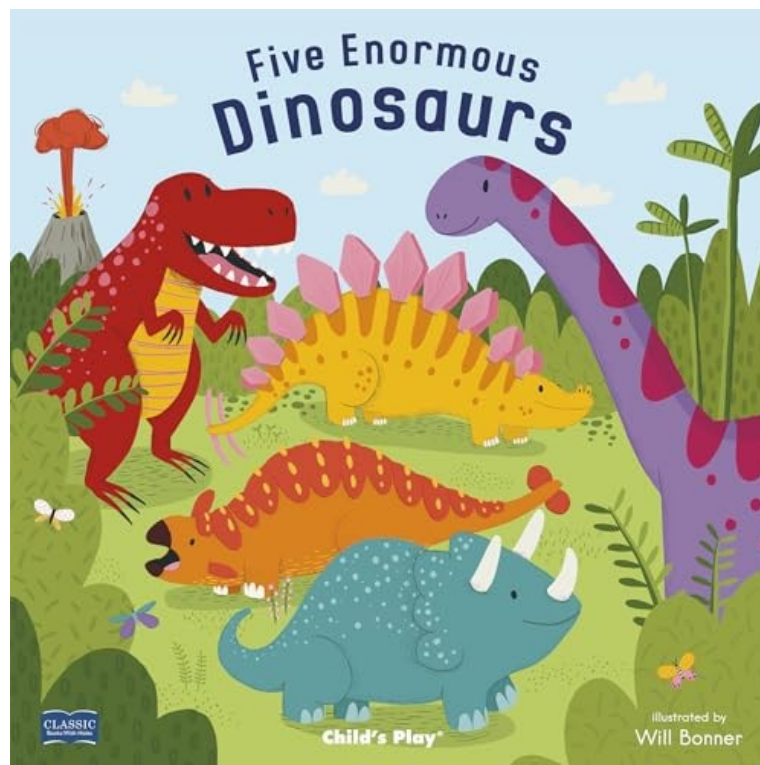


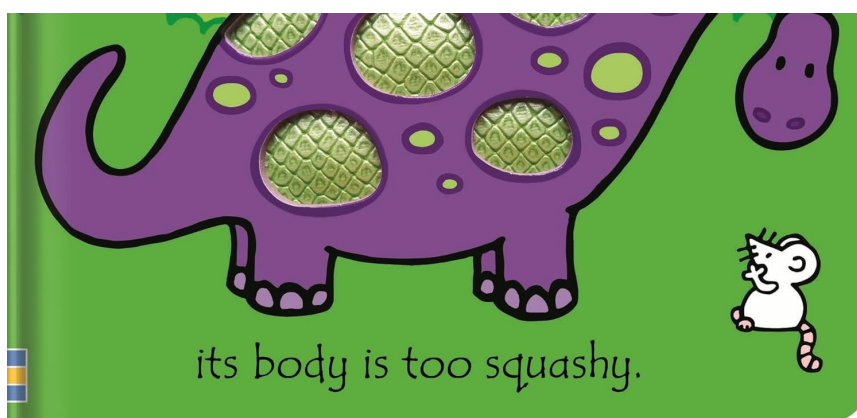


The Ladybirds' theme for May is *Dinosaurs*, and the children are already excited to explore this prehistoric world. They will be investigating sensory trays filled with pebbles, leaves, and natural materials, and creating their own dinosaur feet to make a trail for everyone to follow. Using our large dinosaurs and paint, the children will also make bold footprint patterns across big sheets of paper.

We will be marking *World Bee Day* by sponge-painting cheerful bee pictures and talking about why bees are so important. Later in the month, we will celebrate *Elmer Day* by creating a large, colourful Elmer the Elephant collage. The children are invited to wear bright, colourful clothes on this day as we enjoy Elmer stories together.

The Ladybird Room book of the month will be: **"5 Enormous Dinosaurs"** by Will Bonner and **"That's Not My Dinosaur"** by Fiona Watt





WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE CATERPILLAR ROOM

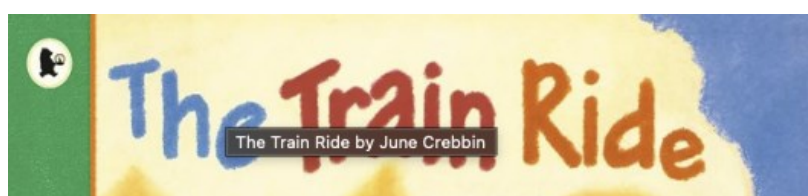


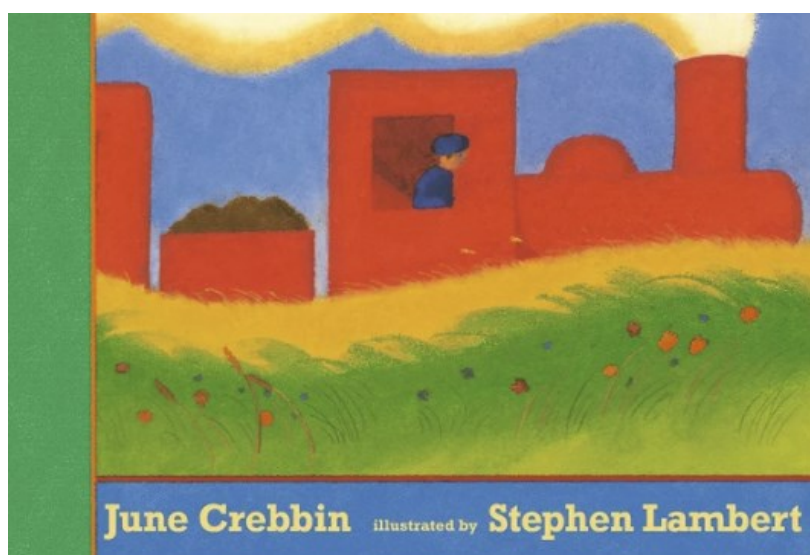
The Caterpillars' topic for May will be *Transport*, and the children are already looking forward to getting involved. Together, they will help create "The Caterpillar Bus," transforming an ordinary cardboard box into a bright, imaginative vehicle they can ride in and role-play with.

The children will explore sensory trays filled with natural materials and diggers, encouraging curiosity and early problem-solving. We will also be talking about the Green Cross Code, with a special focus on traffic lights to reinforce colour recognition in a meaningful, practical way.

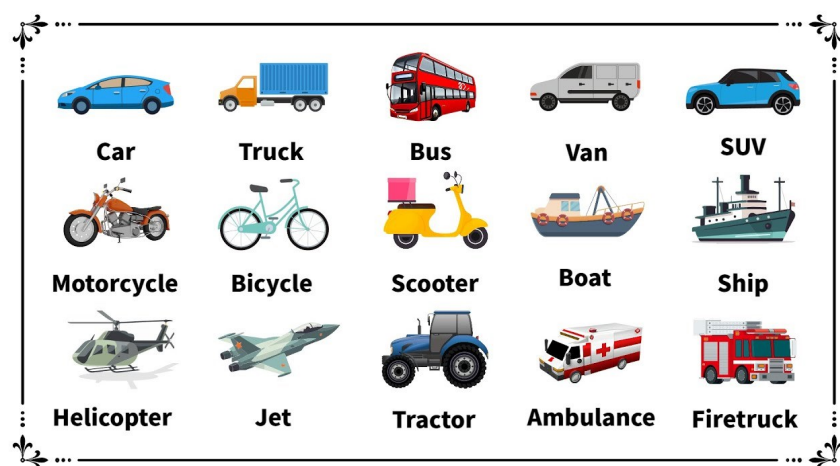
Throughout the month, the children will learn about construction sites using toy trucks and building blocks, helping them develop imagination, spatial awareness, and early understanding of how things are built.

The Caterpillar Room book of the month will be: "**The Train Ride**" by June Crebbin





WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE BUTTERFLY ROOM

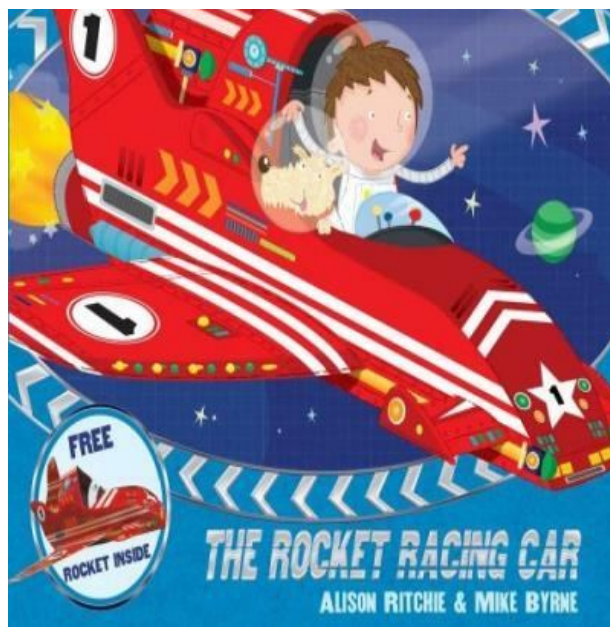


The Butterflies will be exploring *Transport* throughout May, breaking the topic into weekly bitesize sections: air, road, water, and some more unusual types of transport. This theme is perfect for building on the children's role-play skills — will they be the driver, a passenger, or someone providing an important service on the journey? It also creates lots of opportunities for rich conversations and new vocabulary.

The children will enjoy plenty of junk modelling as they design and create their own forms of transport, encouraging imagination and problem-solving. We will also be talking about the Green Cross Code to support their understanding of road safety in a simple, age-appropriate way.

The Butterfly Room book of the month will be: **“Jack’s Mega Machines – The Rocket Racing Car”** by Alison Ritchie and Mike Byrne





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:

For our Dinosaur Explorers (Ladybirds)

Go on a "dinosaur hunt" around the house or garden. Hide toy dinosaurs or draw simple footprints for your child to follow.

Explore natural materials together — pebbles, leaves, sticks — and talk about textures, sizes, and colours.

Read dinosaur stories such as *That's Not My Dinosaur* or *Dinosaurs Love Underpants* to build vocabulary and imagination.

Make simple dinosaur crafts, like paper plate dinosaurs or footprint painting, to encourage creativity and fine motor skills.

For our Transport Investigators (Caterpillars & Butterflies)

Spot different types of transport when out and about — cars, buses, lorries, bicycles, planes. Talk about colours, sizes, and sounds.

Create junk-model vehicles using boxes, tubes, and bottle tops. Let your child decide what they want to build and how it should look.

Role-play journeys at home: set up chairs as a bus, train, or plane. Encourage your child to be the driver, conductor, or passenger.

Talk about road safety in simple terms — stopping at kerbs, looking both ways, and recognising traffic light colours.

DAYS WE WILL CELEBRATE AT NURSERY

20th May - World Bee Day

23rd May - Elmer Day

27th May - Eid Al-Adha

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Wednesday 24th June is Sports Day

Tuesday 28th July is our Graduation and Summer Party

REMINDERS

With the weather warming up, please can we ask all parents to apply suncream to their child before they arrive at nursery and supply a bottle to keep at nursery to enable us to reapply when needed.

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 kindly 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.

Our team are always happy to help where we can, but we do not have experience in setting up or managing **Tax-Free Childcare accounts**. If you need support or advice with this, please contact the Government helpline or visit the official website directly, as they will be able to guide you step by step.

Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation.

☆ 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.



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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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