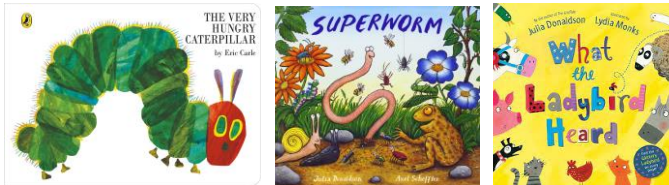


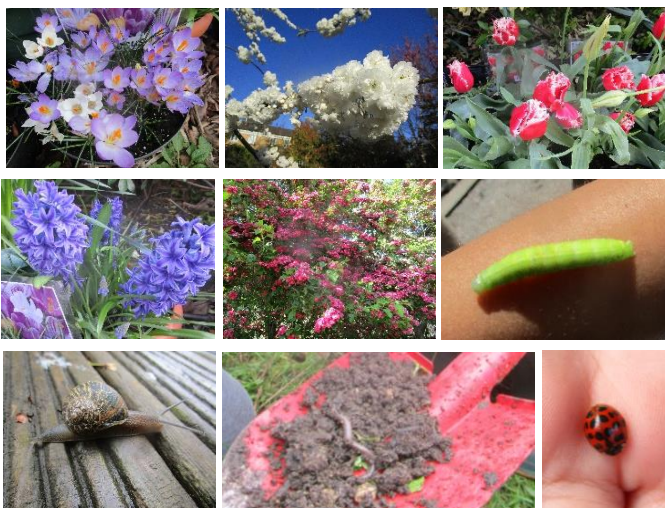
News and updates from Clouds, Rainbows and Stars – April and May 2025

Our Core Books and the Garden

The children have enjoyed many books this term, including our core books: 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle, and 'Superworm' and 'What The Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson.



The core books have focused on the creatures that appear in the garden. The children have loved listening to these stories and joining in with retelling them using puppets and props. They have dug for worms, watched how snails move, and looked for ladybirds and caterpillars. There has been plenty of blossom and flowers providing nectar for the butterflies, hoverflies and bees. The children have been learning information about these different creatures and their lifecycles. We expect to see more lifecycles over the coming weeks, with cygnets and goslings in the park, blue tits nesting in the garden and maybe fox cubs.



We have also been busy growing flowers and vegetables including sunflowers, nasturtiums, strawberries, potatoes, onions, garlic, leeks, radishes, beetroot, beans, lettuce, peas, sweetcorn, rainbow chard and much more.

For more information about the children's learning, please visit <https://grovenurseryschool.co.uk/>

Caterpillars and Butterflies

At the beginning of the term, we received some tiny and very hungry caterpillars! The caterpillars grew very quickly, shedding their skins several times before making chrysalides. The children were able to ask questions and make observations and predictions about what would happen next, and respond creatively. We put the chrysalides in the net and waited for the painted lady butterflies to emerge. The children enjoyed holding and releasing the butterflies in the vegetable garden.



🚲 The Big Walk And Wheel 🦋

In March and April, we took part in Sustrans' 'Big Walk And Wheel'. This initiative was to encourage children to take active forms of travel to Nursery such as walking, scooting and cycling, as it is good for our health and good for the planet. The results are now in and this is how well we did:

657 sustainable journeys

83% active travel

73rd out of 1196 small UK schools

Let us keep travelling in more sustainable ways.

🎵 End of Term Singalongs 🎵

We are going to have our end of term Singalongs on **Friday 23rd May at 11.30am and 3.15pm**. We will be singing our core songs: 'There's A Worm At The Bottom Of My Garden', 'Old MacDonald Had A Farm' and 'There's A Tiny Caterpillar On A Leaf'. Please join us as we sing our songs together with Makaton signs and actions.

Summer 1 Singalong

There's A Worm At The Bottom Of My Garden

There's a worm at the bottom of my garden,
And his name is Wiggly Woo.
There's a worm at the bottom of my garden,
And all that he can do
Is wiggle all night
And wiggle all day,
Whatever else the people say,
There's a worm at the bottom of my garden,
And his name is
Wiggly, Wig, Wig, Wiggly, Wig, Wig,
Wiggly Woo!



There's A Tiny Caterpillar On A Leaf

There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf, wiggle, wiggle,
There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf, wiggle, wiggle,
There's a tiny caterpillar, a tiny caterpillar,
A tiny caterpillar on a leaf, wiggle, wiggle,
He will eat the leaves around him till he's full, munch, munch,
A chrysalis is what he's spinning for his home, spin, spin,
Then he'll be a butterfly and fly away, flap, flap,



Old MacDonald Had A Farm

Old MacDonald had a farm,
E-I-E-I-O,
And on that farm, he had a cow,
E-I-E-I-O
With a "moo moo" here and a "moo moo" there,
Here a "moo", there a "moo", everywhere
a "moo-moo",
Old MacDonald had a farm,
E-I-E-I-O.
...Duck "quack-quack"
...Dog "woof-woof"

...Pig "oink-pink"

...Sheep "baa-baa"

...Horse "neigh-neigh"

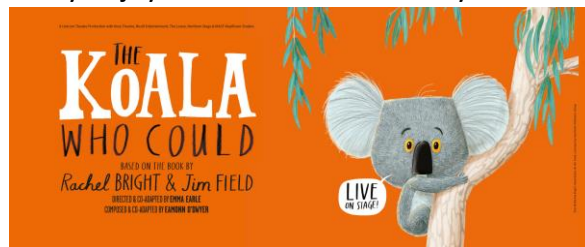
...Cat "meow-meow"

...Donkey "seeee-seeee"



Theatre Visit

The children who are leaving us this year had the opportunity to visit the Unicorn Theatre to see a production of 'The Koala Who Could'. It was a lovely experience and the children really enjoyed it and had lots to say about it.



☀ Here Comes The Sun! ☀

As the weather is becoming warmer and sunnier, please ensure your child has cool clothing (that covers the shoulders) and a clearly named sunhat. Please put sunscreen on your child before they come to nursery and we can apply more after lunch if they are staying all day. Please let us know if you would rather your child has their own sunscreen or if you do not want us to apply sunscreen. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

The **half-term break** is **26th – 30th May 2025**
Children return on **Monday 2nd June**

The end of term **Singalongs** will be on **Friday 23rd May at 11.30am and 3.15pm**.

There will be **no Nursery** sessions on **Friday 11th July** as there will be **Parent Conferences**. If your child is remaining in the Nursery next year, please make an appointment to see your child's key person.

We will have our **End Of Year Celebration** in the **week beginning 14th July** – more details to follow.

We break up for the year on **Friday 18th July** as **Monday 21st** and **Tuesday 22nd July** are **INSET** days and the Nursery will be closed.

Still To Come...

In June and July we will be visiting Burgess Park and going to see the chickens in Glengall Wharf Garden, and in June there will be lots of opportunities to do activities for nature as we take part in '30 Days Wild'.

On Thursday 12th June 7.30-9.00pm, you are welcome to join a webinar, 'It Takes A Village', promoting reading and featuring some of our children talking about their favourite books.

