



Cherry Blossom

Spring 2 Curriculum Newsletter

At Martenscroft we are expressive, mindful, responsible and inquisitive so we can play, learn and grow.

This half term our learning theme is:

Living and Growing

In each curriculum area we will be learning:

Holistic Health

(Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Mindfulness, Emotional Literacy, Wellbeing Rights Respecting, Individual Needs)



We are introducing weekly wellbeing walks around Hulme, to experience the weather changes and witness the spring flowers blossoming. We are toning in on our physical development by dancing to Freeze Party before dinner and tea, helping our children to learn routine. We will be emphasising on Article 31 of Rights Respecting "the right to rest, play, culture and arts".

Expressive Me

(Communication and Language, Literacy, Languages, Signing & Visuals, Expressive Arts and Design)



Our Literacy focus is on living and growing, farm cycles and minibeasts. We are singing Mary Mary Quite Contrary, Old McDonald Had A Farm, The Ants Go Marching, and many more. Our art activities stem from our spring theme and creating with natural resources. We are encouraging more reading as the children will choose 5 books from the Book start donation to read at home with family. On Thursday 7th March, it is World Book Day! We are encouraging parents to send in their child's favourite book that we can read with their child.

Global Responsibility

(Eco School, Cultural Diversity, Global Citizenship, Environmental Impact, Community Responsibility, Research Projects)



We will be embracing many cultural celebrations in the rooms and afterschool events. The children will learn about Carnival (Spanish Festival in February) and Eid (Islamic Festival in April). We are also hosting a Mother's Day event before March 10th, and making our own flower bouquets with biodegradable planting pots and soil for a sensory experience. The whole centre will be hosting an International Women's Day event before March 8th, in the hall, everyone is welcome.

Inventive Ideas

Maths, Understanding the World, Technology, Engineering, Cooking, Social media)



We have introduced a maths investigation table. We are playing with puzzles, stacking blocks and construction to develop skills of counting, problem solving, thinking and creativity. Our baking activities entails mixing and pouring to make cupcakes. Our Instagram social media page is now ACTIVE. Login and follow @Martenscroft to see what is happening in Cherry Blossom.

Reminders:

- Please remember to check the Parent/Carer information board for updates about your child.
- If you haven't already done so, please put your family photos on Tapestry.

Quote of the term.

"Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning."

