



April Newsletter

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Congratulations to Saskia and the team at Coppice Pre-School on receiving your **OUTSTANDING** grading from Ofsted in February! This makes the group Outstanding on a whole, an achievement we have worked very hard for and are extremely proud of!



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The theme for our Whit Holiday Club is...

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WEEK 1 28/05/2018	WEEK 2 04/06/2018
<p>JUST A BIT OF FUN IN THE SUN</p> <p>TUESDAY Trip to the park and Pitch and Putt (extra)</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Wondrous Water Fight Day! (bring your water gun and spare clothes)</p> <p>THURSDAY Exploring Sensory Slush (puppies!)</p> <p>FRIDAY Design a plate with Bean & Brush!</p>	<p>MAKE IT OR BAKE IT!</p> <p>MONDAY The Great Beanstalks Bake Off!</p> <p>TUESDAY Design and Produce your own Apron!</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Pizza Creations @ Vida</p> <p>THURSDAY Fabulous Flour Fights!</p> <p>FRIDAY Pool Rocks! Swimming Trip</p>



What have we been up to this term?



World Book Day

Transport Topic



Trip to Dino Falls



Spring Topic

The Importance of Outdoor Play!

Being outside is the perfect place for kids to be kids with the freedom to shout, jump, run hop or skip! In Fact, by taking your children outdoors and supporting their play, you can help their development. Young children need the opportunity to use their whole body and develop their gross motor skills. It's only when they have mastered these that they will be able to control their fine motor skills, such as using a knife and form or holding a pencil, for instance. As a result, children playing outside can have a positive impact!

While getting out and about is exciting, it may be frightening or daunting for some little ones so be aware of new sensations that could startle or alarm them. A great way to create happy memories of outdoor play and nature is to collect and bring things home, such as twigs, leaves or stones. These can be decorated, put in a keepsake jar or used to make a picture. Keeping items like this in your child's view for a few days will remind them of their adventures outside and also help with their awareness of shapes, colours and textures. And what if you're all set to get outside but have no idea what to do once you're there? Not all of us feel as comfortable or confident in outdoor play or embracing nature. Start small and keep it simple. Think about the games you played as a child. Give your child the idea and let them run with it. When it comes to play – especially outdoors – there is no right or wrong way. The best thing is to just get out there and see what the day holds!

As part of our dedication to CPD, and with the best interests of the children at Beanstalks in mind, Karen Richardson will be embarking upon a "Woodland Play" training day on the 19th April. We are very excited to learn from her experiences and implement more Forest School teachings into our routines!

Dates for the Diary

1st April – Easter

21st April – The Queen's Birthday

22nd April – Earth Day

23rd April – St Georges Day

7 – 11th May – Sun Awareness Week

8th June – World Ocean Day

14th June – 15th July – FIFA World Cup

17th June – Father's Day

14th June – Eid al-Fitr

1st July – Canada Day

4th July – 4th July Holiday

