

# Explorers @ St George's

It's been all about shapes in Nursery! The children are becoming confident identifying and talking about the properties of 2d shapes and have enjoyed spotting different shapes in the environment. In our forest session on Wednesday we had fun searching for shapes hidden out in the Wilderness. The children were very proud to find all thirty circles, squares, triangles and rectangles along with a new mystery shape which they discovered was an octagon.

## Next steps .....



We're making a change over the next couple of weeks with our focus moving towards Spring, seeds and scarecrows. The children will be helping to plant seeds into our container garden, growing cress and planting pumpkins. Stories will include 'Tilda's seeds,' 'What's this?' and 'Fran's Flower.' The popular song 'Dingle, Dangle Scarecrow' will provide inspiration for music, dance and scarecrow making!

## Ideas for home.....

If you are out and about with your child it's a wonderful time of year to draw their attention to the world around them.

- Look out for daffodils, snowdrops and early tulips, notice leaf buds and the grass getting longer. Have fun guessing what's inside the buds - look at them regularly and watch them grow and change.
- Talk about the different colours and sizes of daffodils and tulips etc. Older children will be ready to compare sizes (taller, shorter etc.) and look at shades of colour (pale, bright, dark, dull etc.) Victoria Park in Bideford usually has lovely Spring flowers on display.
- On a shopping trip you may like to let your child choose some daffodils to buy and let them have the experience of paying for them and arranging them in a vase at home. If you pick daffodils together remind your child that they should always ask if it's ok to pick any flowers that they see growing.
- Get digging! Using a spade to dig the flower beds and pushing a wheelbarrow around provides great upper body exercise for young bodies.

## Forest Session



Our next forest session will be on the morning of **Tuesday 26th March**. A big thankyou to Polly's family for the old saucepans – they'll be great in our mud kitchen. Pot, pan and wooden spoon donations always welcome!

## Parent's meetings

Miss Gander will be holding parents meetings for our older children (born before August 15) over the next few days. To make an appointment, please sign the clipboard in Nursery.

## School places for September

Lots of parents have asked about school place allocation for September. The national offer date will this year will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Many thanks for your support,  
Miss Gander, Mrs Brace and the Nursery Team  
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