

A big thank you to Niev's mum, Shamin who came in on Thursday afternoon to talk to the children about generosity linked to the Bahai Holiday called Ayyam'i'Ha. The children enjoyed songs and a story and sharing food that Sharmin bought in for them. They really enjoyed it.

On Friday 1st March we talked about St David's Day, and the start of Spring. Over the next fortnight we will spend time learning about Spring. We will be looking for signs of Spring in the garden and playing a game of '*It's Springtime, It's Springtime, What do you see?*' where part of a picture will be revealed, and the children have to guess what it is. Pictures will include blossom, daffodils, lambs, chicks, tadpoles, butterflies, ladybirds etc. We will be encouraging the children to use their observational skills as we go out and about looking for signs of Spring. Hopefully the children will pick up related vocabulary such as bud, leaf, stem, blossom, catkins, daffodils, crocuses, tulips and pansies. We will continue to reinforce vocabulary throughout the season, and we will be creating a Spring display as a visual reminder. Although 1 March was the meteorological start of Spring, the astronomical start of Spring begins in two weeks on 20th March.

British Science week is a 10-day celebration of science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM) that takes place from the 8-17 March. Although our continuous provision and teaching has lots of activities and ideas about this area ongoing, we will be making sure we make extra time to enjoy various books and activities linked to science. The theme this year is *time*. As we have been thinking about seasons changing, we will try to find a good day to go on a walk to see what signs of early Spring we can see. We will be linking work on plants and how their growth is related to time.

Perhaps you could have this in mind when exploring outdoors, in the community or in local cultural spots. This could be anything from going on a nature walk around the park to spotting STEM in real life. One of the children's learning points is to *show interest in different occupations*. Maybe you have a job related to STEM you could talk about, or you may spot jobs in the community such as street lighting engineers or infrastructure like bridges and construction work. Check out the free resources available through the British Science Association's CREST Awards. Many of the Star activities can be used with under 5s and there is a good range of science-based home activities requiring few resources in the CREST Home Learning collection [CREST Awards Library Primary](#)

This week the children will also be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7 March**. Don't forget the children can come dressed as a book character, or in pyjamas or not if they don't like dressing up or down. Hopefully they have all bought their book token home to get a book. If not, please let us know.

Best wishes

Ellie Green & Kelly McIlroy



A few weeks ago, the children enjoyed a ballet session with Victoria Hill. She is going to run three weeks free lessons from Thursday 14 March. Victoria will run the class at the Woodstock Tennis Club from 3.30 to 3.55pm on a Thursday afternoon. This will be on the 14,21,28 March if you would like to go along.

If you need any more information Victoria's email is balletwithvictoriahill@gmail.com

