

Chrysalis Newsletter

Summer Term 2026

Welcome back...it's the Summer Term everyone!



Firstly, hello to all of our families, new and old. We hope you're ready to burn off all those easter eggs? We have an action-packed term planned for the summer!

Our project for the Summer Term is
'Around the World'.



This is a fabulous project for broadening our little ones' horizons and helping them to learn about places beyond their own experiences.



Our discussions will ask the children to consider lots of differences or similarities to where we live in the UK...

What are the people like who live in other countries? Are their houses, clothes and food the same or different from ours? Is the climate hot or cold? What animals do we find and what sort of plants grow there?



Are these countries close to where we live? How do we travel there?



'Around the world' in the early years focuses on fostering global awareness, cultural diversity, and environmental understanding in our children's age group.

Activities include exploring world maps, tasting international foods, listening to diverse music, celebrating global festivals, and learning about different animals and habitats to encourage curiosity and respect.



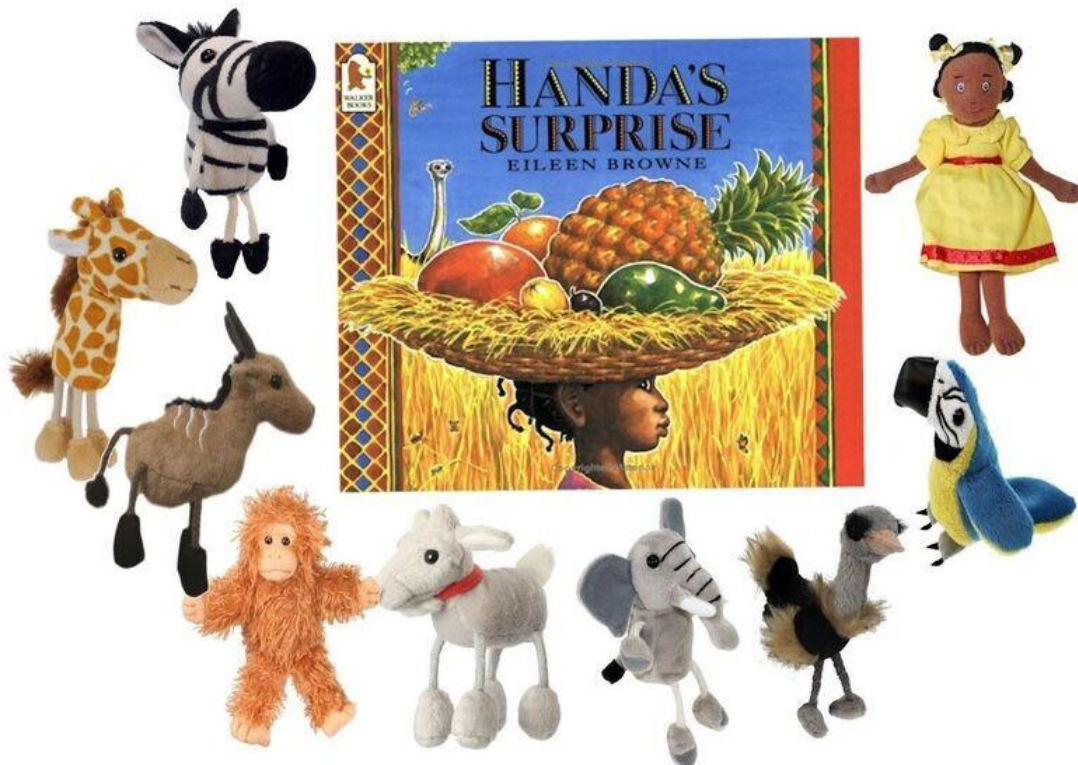
Developing curiosity in the early years is essential for cognitive development, fostering a lifelong love of learning, independent thinking, and problem-solving skills. It is nurtured through play-based learning, open-ended, natural and authentic resources, and exploring the world through senses, questions, and nature.



Our Zoolab workshop ties in very nicely with this project, allowing the children the chance to get up close and personal with animals from different parts of the world.



There is a whole wealth of children's literature and songs that we can incorporate to support this project. Please let us know if your child has any favourites that would complement our learning this term.



If you would like some further information about our project and the type of activities we might include, please use the link to our website below.

[Link: Summer Term Around the World Project](#)

The warmer weather allows for lots of fun in the great outdoors.



Getting outside, experiencing and exploring the natural environment is essential to children's wellbeing. They communicate differently with freer, louder 'outside' voices, and are enthusiastic to share and talk about their discoveries. Spending time outside is a positive and helpful experience that promotes active learning in all areas of the EYFS.



Visits to the school field give us greater space for **physical activities** ...running, jumping and climbing!



There will also be plenty of **planting and growing** opportunities, with all the accompanying sensory experiences as children feel the soil between their fingertips, the texture of seeds in their hands, the smells of different herbs and flowers, and the vast range of colours they can see... shades of greens in the leaves and grass, and the brightly coloured flowering insect attracters that grow in the UK.



In the outdoors environment, children can explore their own personal risk; whether that is how high they choose to climb, their proximity to spiders, or even the feel of damp leaves and squelchy mud on their fingertips!

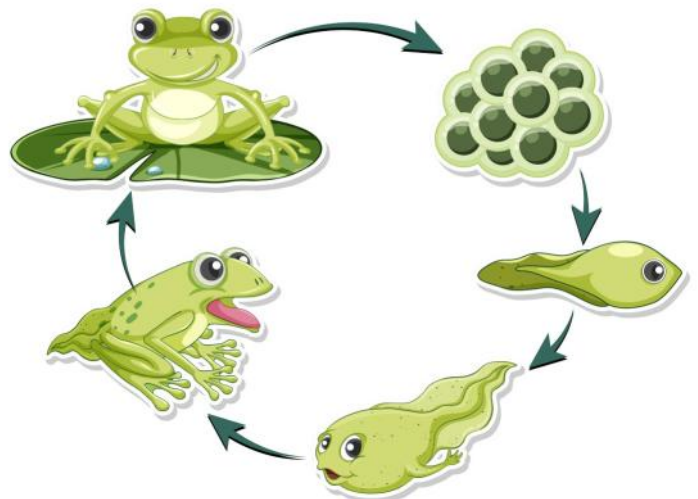


This term we will also be learning about **minibeast life cycles**....



Teaching life cycles in the early years fosters a foundational understanding of growth, change, and the natural world, fuelling children's curiosity about how living things develop. It helps children grasp, in an age-appropriate way, complex concepts like birth, reproduction, and death, while encouraging observation skills and empathy for living creatures.

• Life Cycle of a Frog •



We will include watching our frog spawn hatch into froglets.

And observing the life cycle of real-life butterflies which the children will release into the nursery garden.



And we will be celebrating
**World Bee Day in
May**....



Including 'waggle dancing',
learning about the different
roles of bees in the hive and
even some delicious honey
tasting!



Hopefully, over the Easter holidays, our older children will have found out which first schools they will be attending from September.

Please do let us know which school your child will be going to, as we begin helping to prepare them for this important transition. We are very aware that this is both an exciting and daunting time for you and your child, and we are here to support you!



Throughout the Summer Term we will be providing your children with lots of **'School Readiness'** activities and experiences to get them used to the idea and ease their transition into 'big school'.

Also, during the latter half of the term your child's key worker will be compiling a School Transition Form (a copy of which will be made available to you to read) to give your child's new school a summary of the observations we have made of them during their time with us at Chrysalis.

The summer term activities we conduct will benefit ALL the children at nursery.

'School Readiness' is a difficult term - it conjures up images of children being sent off to school potentially already able to read and write! In fact, when we asked local schools what they wanted to see in 'school ready' children they gave us this list...

- Independence in self-care - dressing/undressing themselves
- Capable in managing their own toileting needs
- Able to use a knife, fork and spoon and open packets!
- Speaking in sentences
- Ability to share and take turns
- Recognise their written name
- Recognise numbers up to 10

Please note the order in which the children's desired skills are given. Being 'school ready' is not all about reading, writing and arithmetic!

The EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) itself defines School Readiness as

'the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life.'

Most of all continue to play with, chat with, read to and enjoy your children - a trip to the park to get their gross motor skills going is just as valuable as sitting down to practise 'writing' their name!



The summer term is often bittersweet for the teachers, as we celebrate our Class of 2026 and their achievements and successes, and prepare to send them off to school. We will enjoy our final term with them before they start exciting new adventures!

Our **School Leavers Graduation Ceremony** gives our older children a chance to say goodbye to their friends and teachers. Parents will be able to come to watch their child receive their leaving certificate as they transition to school. This is held towards the end of term, and we will send out further information with dates and times as soon as we have them.

Parent questionnaire

Section 1 of 7

Chrysalis Parent Survey 2026

Please take a few moments to fill out our survey. It's very important to us to know how you feel about the school.

You are welcome to leave your name at the bottom but this is optional if you would rather remain anonymous.

All responses will be reviewed by our principal, Perdy and the nursery owners.

Please can you help us to find out what you think about the nursery?

We welcome parent feedback to discover ways to improve the service that we offer to our families.

We would be grateful if you could take a few moments to complete our short survey and we'll let you know the results in due course. Thank you for your help with this.

[Link: Parent Questionnaire](#)

Some reminders!

What to bring to nursery?

The only things your child needs to bring to nursery are;

- their lunch box (with a cool pack included)
- a named water bottle that they can self-access and
- suitable weather-appropriate outdoor clothing

There is no need for your child to bring a bag or change of clothes/nappies/wipes etc as we provide all of these during a session. If you wish for your child to only use your designated nappies etc you must please make us aware.

Please discourage your child from bringing in toys from home, it can cause all sorts of sharing issues, and you run the risk of items being damaged or broken. However, any toys that are brought in for sharing at Circle Time must remain in the child's home box while they're in nursery.

Please make sure anything you DO bring into nursery from home is clearly labelled with your child's name!



Sun cream

With the warmer weather (hopefully) approaching we would like to remind all parents to ensure children attend nursery with an appropriate, NAMED, sun hat at all times.

This summer we will be using **Asda's Protect Kids Sensitive Formula SPF50+ Sun lotion** at Chrysalis. This sun lotion has the highest 5-star UVA rating and has been dermatologically tested and developed for children's delicate and sensitive skin.

If you wish for us NOT to use this cream on your child, please provide a NAMED bottle of your preferred sun-cream that can remain **on site at ALL times**.



Nursery photographers

Our nursery photographers, Concept Photography, produced some fantastic shots of the children last time they visited us. They will be coming into nursery on **Tuesday 16th June**. The photographer will be here between **8.30am and 10am for individual photos**, with a **LEAVERS group shot being taken at 9.30am**.

If your child does not attend on a Tuesday morning and they would like to be in the Leaver Group Photograph they must be in nursery at 9.30am.

[Link: Concept Photography](#)



No nuts!

Please can we again remind parents that we are a NUT FREE nursery. Items containing nuts, such as peanut butter and Nutella spread must NOT be included in your child's lunchbox to help prevent the risk of an allergic response in affected members of our nursery community.



Some other important reminders...

Arriving at nursery

Please make sure that when arriving at nursery you use the doorbell (on the post next to the blue gate) to alert us to your presence and allow us to permit your entrance and to come and greet you and your child accordingly. Please refrain from letting yourself into the nursery grounds yourself. Thank you for helping us with this very important safeguarding matter!

Please do inform us if your child has taken any medication or sustained any injury prior to a session with us. You will be asked to fill out a quick form at drop off and for your ease these forms can also be downloaded and printed out from our website

[Link: Chrysalis website forms](#)

Up to date contact information

It's so important that yours and your emergency contact's details are kept up to date so that we can get in touch with you should there be any need to. Please check that the information we have on our records is correct.

The **term and holiday dates** for this academic year and the next are available through our website to assist with your forward planning.

[Link: Term & hols dates](#)

Car Parking

A reminder please that Hayeswood School Car Park is for staff parking only. Parents are not allowed to drop or collect children by car in the school car park, regardless of the weather. Please be certain that EVERYONE who drops or collects your child is aware of this regulation which is for health and safety purposes.



When contacting the nursery out of hours

(eg before arrival for your child's session) please use the email address:

chrysalis@montessorinurseries.co.uk

30-hr funding reminder

Please can we remind parents who receive 30-hr Early Years Funding for your child that you need to update your eligibility online with HMRC **every 3 months, and each time notify the nursery of your next renewal date.** Without this information we don't know if you are still eligible to receive the funding, and chasing parents for the information to keep our records updated is very time consuming. Thank you for your ongoing help with this.

And finally.....

The summer term is always jam-packed with exciting activities, and we're looking forward to sharing the warmer days ahead with our families at Chrysalis.

If any parents have ideas for things that the children might like to include as part of their learning this term, please do speak to a teacher. We are always pleased to hear about your child's favourite stories and songs, and we like to include activity ideas from home.

We have an Open Door Policy and are always happy to discuss your child's progress at nursery with you. Please speak to your child's key worker to arrange a mutually convenient time if you would like to do so.

See you all soon.... and bring lots of energy with you! We're expecting a very busy term ahead!

Kind regards

Perdy

