

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to St Clare's Abbey Nursery newsletter for April 2017. We hope that you are looking forward to Easter.

The children have also been able to get outside a bit more often now that the weather is starting to get a bit milder.

There will be lots of Spring activity going on in the Nursery and the following will give you some information about

- Themes we will be discussing
- Activities for you and your child
- The songs and rhymes we will be saying and singing
- Birthdays in April

Monthly Themes

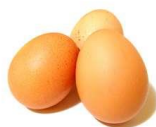
- Colour of the month - Shades of Pink
- Gardens and Flowers



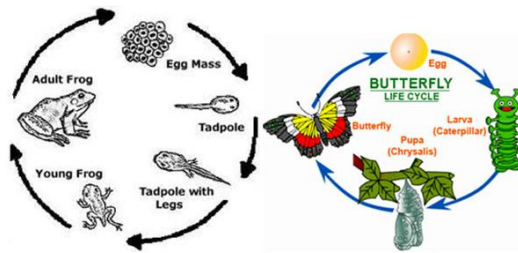
- Farmyard Animals and their young



- Eggs



- Life Cycles - Frog, Butterfly



Suggested activities to carry out with your child at home

- During this month you can bring your child's attention to the weather
- Helping you to hang out the washing and watching how the wind blows it on the line
- Hopefully availing of the weather and picnics in our garden
- Listening to rain and watching raindrops splashing in puddles - chat about how it is necessary for plants to grow
- Also discussing with your child how the weather can affect our plans and what we wear

Many of your children are trying to trace their own names. Please try to encourage this at home, paying attention to the capital letter at the beginning of the name followed by lowercase letters.

- Make use of the name card which I have sent home and draw your child's attention to his or her name
- On visits to the shop, look out for Free Range Eggs and see if your child can tell you anything about them
- Try to find duck eggs and look at the size and colour in comparison to hen's eggs

Rhymes and songs

We will be singing songs and learning the following rhymes during April.

Weather

What is the weather like today? (x2)

It's warm and dry / cold and windy / dull and wet (x2)

That is the weather today.

I hear thunder

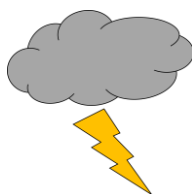
I hear thunder (x2)

Hark don't you (x2)

Pitter, patter raindrops (x2)

I'm wet through

So are you.



You are my sunshine

You are my sunshine

My only sunshine.

You make me happy

When skies are grey.

You'll never know dear how much I love you

Please don't take my sunshine away.



Rain, Rain

Rain, rain go away

Come again another day.



Please open your umbrella

Please open your umbrella

And shield me from the rain (x3)

The shower is nearly over

So shut it down again. (x3)



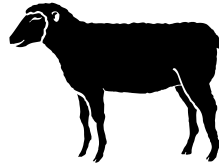
A Rainbow

Red and yellow
And pink and green
Orange and purple and blue
I can sing a rainbow
Sing a rainbow
Sing a rainbow too.



Baa, Baa, Black Sheep

Baa, Baa, Black Sheep
Have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir
Three bags full.



One for the master
And one for the Dame
And one for the little boy
Who lives down the lane.

Old McDonald Had a Farm

Old McDonald had a farm ee,ii,ee,ii,oh
And on that farm he had a cow ee,ii,ee,ii,oh
With a moo, moo here and a moo, moo there,
Here a moo, there a moo
Everywhere a moo, moo
Old McDonald had a farm ee,ii,ee,ii,oh



Repeat for different farm animals.

April Birthdays



We wish Happy Birthday this month to the following;

Cara
Aidan
Shea