

# Little Gems Newsletter

Friday 15th May, 2015



## Busy Learning

First of all we would like to say a very big thank you to the parents who have donated seeds and pots!

Little Gems have been very busy planting and in addition to our herb garden, we now have carrots, onions and tomatoes growing in our nursery. The children loved filling the pots with soil and sprinkling on the seeds. We learned that the seeds need water and sunshine in order to grow and the children have been really good at looking after their seeds. We have already noticed our seeds are starting to grow!

We also planted sun flower seeds and have grown our own cress in little pots which we decorated with faces.

At snack time we made sandwiches with cheese spread and we sprinkled on the cress 'hair'. The children really enjoyed making their sandwiches and were especially proud as they had grown the cress themselves.

## Donations

Little Gems are always pleased to receive any donations, whether that be the £1 weekly snack donation, or the boxes that you send in for junk modelling.

We would like to say a big thank you to the parent that bought us a wonderful set of books this week. The children love them and the Little Gems staff have also enjoyed reading them to the children.

## Outdoor Learning

The children have enjoyed lots of outdoor activities, in particular our new 'mud kitchen' We have cooked with soil, oats, pasta and Rice Krispies and, with some added water, our Little Gems have cooked up some wonderful concoctions! We continued our growing theme in the outdoor area where the children filled up a large tray with soil and sprinkled on some grass seeds. We are watching our grass seeds carefully, making sure we water them and noticing any changes. We hope to grow the grass for our farm animals as one of our Little Gems pointed out that the animals didn't have any! Clever Little Gems!

## Reminders

Could you please ensure that your child brings a sun hat and a bottle of water to school each day.

Appropriate footwear must be worn at nursery at all times.

Please make sure that you drop off and collect your children on time. The gate will be locked by 9.10am and 12.10pm promptly.

Thank you for continued support.