



Resilient



Our children have been very proactive in the nursery garden and have been contributing to the nurseries garden risk assessment. The children have been taking turns to go out first thing in the morning with a member of staff to ensure the garden area is clean and safe for the other children to play in throughout the day.

By using our **SIMOA** elephant our children are helping us to stay **Safe**, **Inspect** the area, **Monitor** the area throughout the day, **Observe** the area and **Act** upon any broken equipment etc. by telling a member of staff.

The children have been doing an amazing job!

Ask your child about our **SIMOA** elephant and maybe the elephant could help your child stay safe at the park or when on outings.





Equal



We had a lovely time learning about and celebrating Ramadan together. The children enjoyed tasting couscous, dressing up, and watching different Ramadan and Eid celebrations on the smart board. We also made our own chocolate-covered dates, and the children created beautiful henna-inspired designs on paper hands.

We have also been learning about Chinese New Year and how families celebrate. The children practised their own Chinese-style writing and enjoyed mark-making using special symbols.

On the smart board, we watched a traditional dragon dance and talked about why dragons are important in the celebrations.

Afterwards, we went to the gym hall and created our very own dragon dance.

To finish our celebrations, we played Chinese bingo and made beautiful lanterns to take home.

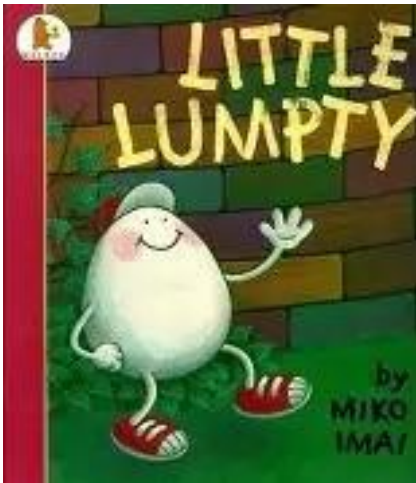




Achieving



There has been a lot of discussion and role play around Pancake day and we even made real pancakes. We got told the pancakes were “Yummy”. It was great to see your pancake photos from home.



Our special story for the month of March was ‘Little Lumpty’. Has your child been talking about the story at home? We would love to hear all about it if they have been. The children have been re-enacting the story around the nursery using the prompts.





Contributing



As spring approaches and the weather improves, we will soon begin applying sun cream again, in line with our Sun Safety Policy and the daily UV levels. If you haven't already done so, please send in a new, unopened bottle of sun cream for your child, clearly labelled with their name (parents who need to provide a new bottle will also receive a Class Dojo message). We will label each bottle with the opening date and its use-by date.

Throughout the year, every child will have a turn at being our UV Monitor, checking the daily UV level so we can decide together whether sun cream is needed later in the day. Please also ensure your child has a named sunhat that can stay at nursery; we've found the following option to be both affordable and suitable for our policy: <https://amzn.eu/d/09fiihlJ>

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe in the sun!



Our staff have been working hard over the past few weeks observing the children, completing analysis of their learning, and writing individual summaries for each child's e-journal. We kindly ask all parents to log in, read through your child's summary, and leave a comment acknowledging it, along with any feedback you may have about their learning. The next assessment cycle will take place at the end of May and the beginning of June, when we will also meet with parents for the 6-monthly review. If you have any questions or are unable to access your child's e-journal, please speak to a member of staff and we will be happy to help.



When we return from the Easter holidays our main focus will be on our Transition topic. This year we are focusing on 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

More information will follow separately around transition and the move to P1.

We would like to thank the parents who took the time to complete our online survey focusing on communication.

The feedback was collated, analysed and was sent out by email.

Singing plays an important role in early childhood development and education. Singing is something that happens naturally every day at Bankier and we encourage parents to sing along with their child as much as possible. Singing uses children's vocal muscles to produce the sound. This helps them to develop the muscles needed for speaking, from this children develop a sense of rhythm and pitch which are important for language development.

I have attached a special songs sway. We hope to place the importance on the fun that can be had through singing at home and in the nursery.

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We have also enjoyed having Michael from YMI in the nursery the last few weeks.





Healthy



Our World Book Day celebrations were a big hit. The children had a fantastic morning. They loved moving through the grass, the snowstorm and the water. We read the story, watched the video, and finished the day with a special presentation where everyone received a certificate, medal, and book token.

We are so grateful for your generosity — our sponsorship total was £970! Thank you for helping make days like this so special for the children. All sponsorship money goes back into the nursery. The children have started their wish list for resources already, which we will order soon.





Forthcoming Dates



Date	Event
03/04/26-19/04/26	Easter Holidays
01/05/2026	Inservice day
04/05/26	Bank holiday



Please remember if you need to contact the nursery the phone number is – 01324 849971 or you can private message us on dojo where a member of staff will get back to you during working hours.

May we take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter break.

