Springtime and Easter Learning at Hambledon Nursery

Spring has arrived in the most joyful way at our nursery, bringing with it sunshine, laughter, and plenty of Easter excitement to round off a busy and successful term.

We were delighted to welcome families into the nursery for our special end-of-term “Stay and Make” session. Parents and carers joined their children in the red room to create a range of colourful Easter Baskets made with paper cups. In the blue room the parents and their children decorated Easter biscuits. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to spend time together, share in the children’s creativity, and celebrate all the learning that has taken place over the spring term.

The session ended with great excitement as the children took part in an Easter egg hunt, eagerly exploring high and low for hidden patterns on eggs around the setting in order to claim their chocolate treat at the end.

Another highlight of our celebrations was our visit to St Peter's Church in Hambledon, where the children of red room took part in a lovely Easter service. They sang a selection of songs beautifully for their parents, filling the church with smiles and proud moments. The experience gave the children a sense of community and a chance to reflect on the meaning of Easter in a special setting.

At nursery, we talk about Easter as a time of new beginnings. It is a celebration that reminds us to notice the changes happening all around us—the days becoming brighter, flowers beginning to bloom, and new life appearing in nature. These seasonal changes provide rich opportunities for learning, helping children to explore the world around them and understand the rhythms of nature.

This term, our learning has been closely linked to these themes of growth and new life. We are especially excited to be continuing this exploration over the Easter holidays with our classroom incubator project. The children will be observing chicks as they hatch, giving them a hands-on experience of lifecycles and the wonder of new life. This real-life learning opportunity encourages curiosity, care, and a deeper understanding of the natural world.

We are looking forward to plenty more outside adventures as the summer term begins and the weather warms as the days lengthen. At Hambledon Nursery School we strive to allow the next young generation to develop an appreciation of the outside world and encourage a connection with nature and in being outside. We understand that it is within natural spaces that young children can find their true selves – where curiosity is sparked, imaginations can run wild, and learning is always an adventure.