



**May 2019  
Newsletter**

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**Welcome** back after the Easter Break, it sounds like your little ones have had some fantastic days out, holidays and lots of fun. Thank you for the updates on Tapastry and the completion of the updates from home form. It is always lovely to see what your children are getting up to when they are not in my care and it gives me the opportunity to set themes up the next week to follow their interests or outings they have had. It is also a great conversation starter to encourage them to have the self confidence to talk about their own lives to myself and friends when prompted by a photo. If you are unsure how to add your own observations on Tapastry just let me know and I can talk through this with you. Your child's learning journey then becomes a two way journey to share during their time here and for you to keep afterwards ☺.

I have been lucky enough for a friend to design me a logo for my business hence why the newsletter looks a little different this month. I have also used this logo on a new uniform for myself, so whilst I am out with your little ones people are able to identify me as their childminder.

### 2019 HOLIDAY DATES

**6<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank holiday  
**27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May** - Half term  
**25<sup>th</sup> July - 30<sup>th</sup> August** - Summer holidays  
**21<sup>st</sup> October - 1<sup>st</sup> November** - Half term  
**23<sup>rd</sup> December** - Christmas holidays

### Mays Plans

During May we will be enjoying a lot more outdoor activities and outings. I am planning on visiting a lot more parks and making the most of the warmer weather. I will still continue to take the children to their favourite outings such as playgroup and wiggly feet. During the second week of May there is national Herb Day; therefore that week we are going to be exploring different herbs through sensory play, potting seeds and making mud and herb pies ☺. During the third week of May it is National Vegetarian week therefore we are going to focus on fruits and vegetables. We are going to be identifying lots of different types and trying new and exciting pieces of fruit the children may not have tried before.

### CPD Training

Last month I completed the training course "Safeguarding everyone - Protecting Children, Young People and Adults at Risk"

### Home Learning Opportunities

Following our fruit and vegetable theme, are there any new fruits your children could try? If your child is a little fussy with fruit would they like smoothies? They are such a great way to get lots of fruit consumed without feeling like they are eating any ;-).