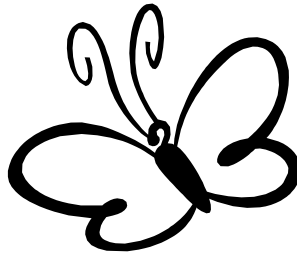


Convent of Mercy Nursery School
May Parent's Page



We will be using the themes of 'The World Around Us' and 'Mini-Beasts' to introduce your child to different areas of learning. If you would like to follow this up at home, here are a few activities you might like to try.

TALKING

- Tell your child about the things you enjoy around you, e.g. the sunshine, the sound of birds, the smell of cut grass, going to the park to look for flowers, mini-beasts etc.
- May is the month of Mary- Jesus' mummy - discuss how our mummies care for us and that Granny is mummy's or daddy's mummy.
- Planning a holiday or day trips over the summer months, what do you need to bring with you? Can you find it on a map, online and plan your trip?

STORYTELLING

- Visit your local library with your child to look for books which feature mini-beasts, bugs and gardens.
- Talk to your child about choosing and growing seeds, flowers in the garden, Jack and the beanstalk.
- Looking at the life cycle of a butterfly, frog, chicken or duck.

IN THE CAR

- Discuss the weather and the clothes we need. If it is sunny in the car do we use sunglasses, the sun visor or a window blind?
- Sing 5 little ducks went swimming one day
- Sing Incy Wincey Spider.

IN THE HOME

- Can you find a spider's web or a beetle? Where do they like to live? Under a stone or up in the corner.
- Invite your child to help you care for the garden, gathering up the grass and watering the flowers and plants - herbs grow very well and can be used in play - grass soup or mud pies with herbs.

OUT AND ABOUT

- Can you find signs of summer - people cutting the grass, flowers growing, people wearing summer clothes or sun glasses.
- Smell the grass and flowers.
- Find different coloured flowers and discuss which ones are your favourite.

WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING?

- To develop awareness of the life cycles of flowers, frogs, bugs etc.
- To ask, explore, investigate and question to allow a deeper understanding of their world.
- Enjoy rhymes, stories and talking.