

How can parents help?

- By sharing with us anything of interest that you find on days out.
- By sharing any books, pictures or even real animal on our topic.
- By asking children about our display and encourage them to add to them.
- By bringing any surplus early spring plants that you may not need, into nursery for us to plant
- Sharing with the children and staff any skills or talents you may have which would help us with our topic.

Signs of Spring

Can you spot these first signs of spring?



snowdrops



Bird nests



Birds



Buds



Crocus



Catkins



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**Signs of Spring
Parent Information**

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The topic this term is Spring



How can you help your child enjoy and get the most of this nursery topic?

You could do the following at home:

- Just talking to your child about the topic can be a great help.
- Raise awareness of changes that are happening in the natural world in early spring.
- Encourage exploration and discovery in the garden.

What is a seasonal topic?

As part of the ongoing learning experience at Busy Bee Nursery each term there is a seasonal topic which is developed over a period of time.

This leaflet is designed to provide you with more information on this and how you can support your child's learning at home.



Outdoor Activities

Crafts

Gardening

Exploring

Construction



What will my child learn?

This topic will involve your child in the following activities:

- Walks around the nursery garden looking for signs of buds and shoots on trees, bushes and bulbs pushing through the earth.
- Talking about and naming young spring animals- sheep/lambs, hens/ chickens, horses/foals.
- Caring for seeds after planting, extending the concept of time.
- Watching root growth from cuttings standing in water.
- Talking about mini beasts coming out of hibernation and birds returning from migration.