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<p>Thank you Thank you this week is to the teachers for managing Monday last week! We arrived to find the heating a broken during half term, the fire alarm was ringing continuously from a fault and the toilet flushes were broken. Initiative, grit and teamwork meant we still opened for the children on time, welcoming and enthusiastic - incredible. (And all the issues are fixed now)</p>	<p>This week's photo...</p>  <p>We were playful in the woods as well last week.</p>
<p>Reminders Our Easter Camp days are running the first week of the Easter holidays. <u>The deadline to sign up is the 15th March</u> Allowing us time to check we have sufficient numbers to run and prepare. We are inviting Artisans alumni later this week and have a restricted number of places each day. If you would like a place - sign up now!!</p>	<p>News Instead of supporting a charity, which we try to do each term, we are engaging in some citizen science. Jenny has sourced thousands of wildflower seed bombs for us. Over this half term we will invite all of the children to come and scatter them around the meadow. We will talk about improving community spaces, biodiversity and the emotional benefits of being in nature. We will also grow some in the classroom to observe.</p>
<p>Thoughts This week the emotion we are focussing on is "frustrated". Being a toddler is hugely frustrating - there is so much to do and discover and so many people and things that get in the way!! Big ideas but not enough language. Important plans but not much agency. So many nearly but not quite moments in a day. We will be helping the children learn the word and apply it to the feeling - accurately. Please do the same. Toddler frustration can quickly become adult frustration. Remember, your job is to recognise and name it; teaching communication skills. Then support, not fix, a solution; teaching regulation. Stay close by, be empathetic, do not judge or fix, be patient. It will pass and when the storm is over - that is the time for cuddles and chats and ideas of alternatives.</p>	<p>Looking ahead With the school allocation date rapidly coming onto the horizon, those of you with children starting Reception in September will be beginning to plan. On MMC you can see our nursery plans for this half term. Based on their individual profiles, children will be taught some intensive phonics or maths. The intention is to make the Reception curriculum familiar and give them confidence. It is not to have done it already. In the coming weeks we will also provide more information about the emotional preparation for school starting - yours and theirs!</p>

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