We loved talking about how special our Mums are last week, and with Mother’s Day approaching this will continue to be an important topic for us this week. One of our favourite centres last week was our baby nursery, there were some wonderful conversations and role-playing in this area!

**Literacy**

We had a lot of fun learning about syllables last week and listening to the beats in different words. We will continue with this skill over the next few weeks. This week we will begin concentrating on the long sounds in words. We will learn how to use our mouths to form the sounds correctly and to listen carefully to words to hear the sounds in them. The long ‘mmm’, ‘lll’ and ‘sss’ sounds will be our focus this week.

**Numeracy**

This week we will develop and practise our patterning skills. We will look for examples in our environment and make up exercises that follow simple patterns.

**Outdoor Play**

We had lots of fun with our perfume station last week as we explored the fragrance of flowers. This week we will introduce fruits to investigate the different scents we can make.

**Wet Weather**

Outdoor play is very important in the early years. Whilst we won’t be playing in the rain, there are many learning experiences that can be had in a damp environment. If the children could bring in a pair of gumboots and a raincoat we would be very appreciative!

**Important Date**

*Thursday 5th May 9:15-10:15*  
Mother’s Day Morning

We have been very busy preparing for a special morning with our Mums on Thursday. We are sure you will enjoy being spoilt.

If you are unable to attend, we would love to have a Grandmother, Aunt or special family friend come in your place, we just ask that you please advise us beforehand.

**Family Photo**

Please send in a 10cm x 15cm photo of your family. We will need them in by Thursday 5th May.