

Early Years Newsletter



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NURSERY NEWS

Welcome to another warm and sunny week at Nursery. May we just remind parents, as the Summer approaches and the warm weather is upon us please could parents apply an all day sun protector to children prior to arriving at Nursery. Sun protector can be sent to Nursery for children to re-apply later in the day if needed. All children should also have a sun hat. Children should have a water bottle in school as we do promote the importance of drinking water throughout the day, especially during the warmer weather. Can we also remind parents that everything should be named to ensure items do not get lost. Thank you.



We have been continuing to look at the wonderful story of 'Farmyard Hulla-baloo' and talking about the variety of farmyard animals from the story book.



During a cooking activity the children have been weighing, measuring, rolling and cutting to make biscuits shaped like their chosen animal and also decorating them with raisins. 'Yummy'!

Diggers and tractors have been 'ploughing the field' as the children have played with the tractors in the soil outside. The children made patterns with the wheels in the soil and also worked as a group to fill the diggers with soil. This activity also promoted conversation about the noises tractors make and whether they may see a tractor when they visit the farm!



Forest Fun



The children have been exploring and enjoying the forest area and this week was a rather warm forest fun session. The children used animal number



cards which prompted discussions about different animals and the noises they make. The children also counted each other to match the different numbers on the cards. They used a range of number language and number names, also showing an interest in numerals in the environment.

Can we say a big thank you to Mr Stephen, our school chef who kindly spent an afternoon in Nursery this week to make crumble with the children. They enjoyed mixing the butter and flour with their fingers to make breadcrumbs, before adding sugar. They learnt all about the process, talked about the ingredients and discussed the texture between their fingers.



Royal Wedding Celebrations

There will be a whole school celebration on the field on the afternoon of Friday 18th May. A picnic lunch, together with fun activities to celebrate the Royal Wedding will take place during the afternoon. This will also include the children's choice of a lolly or ice-cream! Those children who have booked the extra afternoon session to join us can get collected after 3:00pm. Children may come dressed in their best party clothes on this day.

Nursery Trip to Umberslade Farm

The children have been getting excited about our trip to the farm on Tuesday 22nd May. We have been talking about the animals we may see at the farm and the coach ride is also a topic of conversation! Let's hope the weather is kind to us and the sun shines on the day!!

We plan to leave school at 9:30 am on Tuesday 22nd May and we shall return by 3:00 pm. Please ensure your child is at Nursery by 9:00 am on this day and send a morning snack and water as usual, as we plan to have this before we leave. A packed lunch for all children will be provided by the school. All children should wear the school Winter uniform of jogging bottoms which will be more appropriate for this trip, together with trainers. All children will need a coat for the trip. If we are lucky enough to have a warm, sunny day, please send a waterproof rather than a winter coat, together with a school cap. An all day sun protector lotion will also need to be applied to children prior to arriving at Nursery. We hope to have a fantastic day!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

The Nursery Team

RECEPTION NEWS

Hello. Having enjoyed a sunny, long bank holiday weekend, the children came to school this week buzzing with excitement and an eagerness to enjoy school life. It is lovely to see happy children and this gives them a great foundation to build on as they move up the school.

The traditional Tale this week has been Little Red Riding Hood again. The children have re-written the story in their own words and they are brilliant! In Topic lessons, the children loved making cakes for Grandma and so they should all be able to tell you the ingredients and method involved in making delicious Victoria Sponge cakes!



In Maths, the children have revisited 3D shapes, using post-it notes to name, describe the properties of and sort shapes into correct hoops. The children are learning to solve open ended challenges such as “How could we sort these shapes?” rather than being asked to put circles in one hoop and shapes with corners in another etc. Doing this from a young age allows our children to solve problems and think outside the box. These skills are widely sought after by employers so it is good to embed it now! We want children who can look at a problem and use observational skills and lateral thinking to assess what needs to be sorted firstly. Secondly, they need persistence as the solution won’t always be easy to find and thirdly, they need team working skills to co-operate with others in the class to put the ideas into practice.



In English this week, the children had the challenge of re-writing the end to the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Does the wolf have to be bad? What if they could write an ending where he doesn’t eat Grandma? It has been wonderful to see the imagination and creativity in the responses from the children.

Last week, instead of venturing over to the Memorial Park for Forest Fun, the children spent the afternoon in the school grounds, still outside, and making their own pebble pets. Some chose pigs and wolves in keeping with our traditional tale but others chose ladybirds, bees and frogs...they were really adorable! Well done Reception children!



As always, the children have loved the outside learning environment with this sunny weather! It is great for them to explore and play with their peers outside of the confines of a classroom. We overheard a group of boys building with large blocks... “It’s a bunker for the soldiers to hide in...they need to be safe from all the guns”. This imaginative role-play is great and so important for communication.

REMINDERS:

Please send your child to school with a water bottle, sun-cream and sun hat every day! If it is cool it can stay in their tray, but we are seeing lots of children without sun-hats on warm days.

Next Friday, 18th May, we are celebrating the Royal Wedding.

Literature has been sent out separately, but please remember to send your child in a smart casual party outfit!



We hope you have a lovely weekend!