

# Early Years Newsletter



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## NURSERY NEWS

Welcome to another warm week at Nursery with the children enjoying the lovely weather once again. Please remember to apply sun lotion to your child prior to arriving at school and they must also have a named sun cap each day. Thank you.



We have once again been incorporating some activities into our theme of the farm, in preparation for our trip next week. The children have been participating in some fantastic Numeracy work. During a farm number activity they counted farm animals and also recorded their answers accurately. We have had some fantastic number formation!

The children are progressing really well with phonics and have participated in a range of phonic activities showcasing their abilities. This has included blending cvc words and some children have also written their own special news. We are all so proud of them and the super progress they have made!



## Summer Show

The children have been very creative this week and have made some fantastic sunflowers in preparation for our summer show. They used a range of materials, colours and showed fantastic cutting skills to make their sunflowers. The children will be performing 'There's a Sunflower in my Supper' on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June. Parents will shortly receive letters and invitations to attend on one of these dates.



## Nursery Trip to Umberslade Farm

The children have been getting excited about our trip to the farm next Tuesday 22nd May. We plan to leave school at 9:30 am 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. Parent helpers should all have received a pack detailing important information and procedures for the day. Thank you to these parents for assisting us on the trip. We hope to have a fantastic day!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

The Nursery Team

## RECEPTION NEWS

A warm hello to you all!! We have been blessed with another week of lovely weather, culminating in a celebration of the Royal Wedding on our sunny field! We will say more about this next week and photo's will be attached as it was taking place whilst Sagitta was going to press!



The children had lots of fun making crowns for the occasion...



Some children even got carried away with role-play... pretending to be the future royal brides!

We will start by feeding back some news from last week's Forest Fun. It was a very different session to normal... have your children told you about it? In the Traditional Tale, Little Red Riding Hood, the little girl goes to Grandma's house alone. She finds her way through the deep, dark forest and she doesn't get lost. The children were given the chance to do just that. The teachers walked the children over to the far-side of the Memorial park. The children played games and were encouraged to move round in an effort to disorientate them. They were then given the task of finding their own way back to school. The children were supervised closely at all times, but decision making about direction were left solely to them. Many disagreements took place but in true democratic style, the majority won and this proved to be very successful as the children navigated their way back to school really well. You have children with a good sense of direction...brilliant!



The Traditional Tale for this week has been The Three Billy Goat's Gruff.

The children had a surprise visit from a troll this week as part of traditional tales and Literacy. The shock of seeing a real live troll was thrilling. The children loved it! They were encouraged to use question words, Why? When? Where? What? to find out more about the troll from the story Billy Goats Gruff.

In Maths the children have been collecting and recording data. They have enjoyed hunting for characters from traditional tales and counting them, presenting the totals in the form of a Tally chart. They have taken votes on who their favourite characters are and recorded the information on Bar charts and they have even learnt to sort data into Venn diagrams. The lessons have been very practical and they have really enjoyed them.

In Forest Fun this week, we decided to stay on the school grounds and the children were set the task of rebuilding the bridge for the goats so they could cross the river. They were presented with lots of soft play equipment, (broken bridge) and they could see two river banks, (PE mats) and a river flowing through the middle, (blue material). Once again, they had to problem solve, work in teams, communicate and persevere until they had constructed a solution. It was interesting to see them at work and lots of fun was had!

Reception children really showed their maturity this week as they welcomed children from the current Nursery into their classrooms. The difference between the two age groups was quite obvious physically but moreover in action. Our Reception children have grown up and developed in so many ways and they were helpful, encouraging and supportive of their younger peers. What a journey they have made over the last year.

**Reminders:** Next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May is the last day of this half term. The children can enjoy a well-deserved week of rest. We look forward to welcoming them back for their last half term in Reception on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Sun hats are needed every day please as the weather is so unpredictable and the children do play on the field at lunchtimes when it is sunny.

Please apply an all-day sun cream before sending the children in to school and then send in a sun cream that they can re-apply during the day.

Please ensure the children have a named water bottle. We remind the children to drink regularly throughout the day and we will provide tap water in a beaker, but if they have their own bottle, it is easier for them to access water when they want it. Thanks so much.

Have a lovely weekend!