

Early Years Newsletter



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NURSERY NEWS

Umberslade Farm

The big event in Nursery this week has been our visit to Umberslade Farm. The children all had a fantastic time and their behaviour was impeccable the whole day, we are all so proud of them!



The children saw a wide range of animals, large and small, and learnt all about life on the farm. The children learnt a range of interesting and amazing facts about the animals, such as, what they are fed and the food products we get from them. A goat having four stomachs was a fantastic piece of information! The children fed some of the animals such as the goats, chickens, and the highlight for most of them was feeding the lambs their milk! The tractor ride was also a hit with the children and it was a fantastic day all round!



We would like to say a huge thank you to our parent helpers who were all fantastic at helping the day run so smoothly and making it such an enjoyable experience for the children.



Summer Show

If any parents have not returned their ticket reply slips for our summer show, please could they do so as soon as possible please. Costumes should be in Nursery by Monday 5th June. Thank you.

Finally, school finishes on Friday 26th May for half term. We hope you all have a fantastic half term and once again thank you for all your support. We return on Monday 5th June for the final half term of the year!

RECEPTION NEWS

Our trip to Coombe Abbey

We had a fantastic time at Coombe Abbey this week. In the morning, children scoured the meadows in search of insects; they found slugs, snails, caterpillars, ladybirds, spiders and flies. Some children (less grown-ups!) were brave enough to hold the creatures!



We ate our lunch outside, then had a quick play on the adventure playground - how could we resist!



In the afternoon, we developed our skills in collaboration, independence and resilience through den building. Our aim - to build a house made of sticks for the 'Three Little Pigs'. It was wonderful to see the children working together to complete the challenge. I think the grown-ups created a sense of challenge of their own; competing to create the best den!

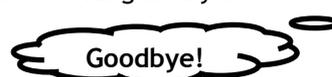
A special mention for Arisha who turned 5 whilst we were at Coombe Abbey. She had her Mummy alongside her for the day and we all sang 'Happy Birthday'. What a magical day!



Many thanks to the parents who came on our trip; we really appreciated your help and the children loved having their Mummies and Daddies with them.

Tadpoles

This week in Reception we have had the joy (and a little sadness) of saying goodbye to our tadpoles. We have watched them emerge from their frogspawn as tiny, wriggly tadpoles and over the last half term they have tripled in size, grown legs and become froglets before our eyes! It really has been wonderful for the children to see and they have been given names by the children too! On Thursday morning, the teachers arrived at the start of their day and saw lots of froglets sat on rocks and it was agreed that it was best to release them before the classrooms were taken over by hopping frogs! We said good bye and they have been taken to their new homes in ponds elsewhere! The last of our butterflies were also set free this week too. It was a lovely way to end another fantastic half term at King Henry's.



Sun Safety

Now that the sunshine is firmly out, the children have been choosing to spend more and more time exploring the outside classroom. To keep them safe from the sun's rays, please could you ensure that they bring a



school sun hat each day. Children should either be covered in **all day sun cream** or sun cream that can be re-applied during the day. If you wish sun cream to be re-applied, please send in a named bottle of sun cream which can be kept at school. A large bottle of water that can be refilled is also essential! The Reception Team.

Next half term, we will be building model castles for our topic on Fairy Tales. We would love lots of boxes - and the bigger the better! Please could you start bringing them in after the break. Thank you!