



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

With Miss Smith and Mr Bradman

This week the children have been learning about dinosaurs. The children have made fossils, written about dinosaurs, talked about how we would care for a baby dinosaur, made an erupting volcano and designed a dinosaur puppet. The children have thoroughly enjoyed acting as dinosaur explorers, digging for fossils and playing in a dinosaur swamp. We have welcomed new creatures to the classroom this week: Triops. The children are eagerly awaiting the eggs to hatch. This week we have been learning how to double numbers, some of the children have challenged themselves to double numbers beyond 10. In literacy we have changed the character in Jasper's Beanstalk ready to write our own stories next week. We have also looked at the eggs from our teeth investigation; the children looked at the shells and discussed the difference between the shells. We finished the investigation by talking about how important it is to brush our teeth. Congratulations to Henry and Caitlin for achieving the behaviour award.

Next week

The children have chosen to learn about the earth. The children will be learning about our ancestors, evolution and creationism.

With Mrs Bendall

We have spent lots of time outside this week. On rainy days, we enjoyed splashing, mud-wallowing and providing a welly-washing service. When the sun came out, we planted our broad bean seedlings in the garden and released our 5 beautiful butterflies into the sky. We tried to make our own bricks out of sand, but only the tops hardened, making roof tiles instead. We decided that we needed to add more glue next time! Cement-mixing outside was more successful and a wonderful house of rocks was built. The children enjoyed making cups of 'tea' and 'coffee' in the tuff spot, using lots of mathematical language about capacity and measure. Congratulations to Alice H, who has received a Proud Cloud for incredibly careful colouring!

Notices

- Bright Sparks: We would be very grateful if you could share with us any amazing achievements that your child has made out of school, so that we can celebrate them in school, too.
- We would be grateful for any boxes etc which we can use in our junk modelling area.
- If you have any uniform, pants, socks etc. at home that your child has borrowed from school could you please return them as soon as possible as we are running low.
- Please ensure all PE kit and school uniform is named with the correct name. We have numerous items of clothing in the classroom that are not named and are in our lost property. Please come and have a look if you are missing any items.

**The Reception gate will be locked at 8:45am in line with the rest of the school. If you arrive after this time please go to the office. Thank you.**

Important Dates

29th May – Half term

10th June - PTA summer party

Friday 7th & Monday 10th July - Training days – School closed to children

Last day of Summer term – Friday 21st July

First day of Autumn term 2017 – Wednesday 6th September

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us,  
from all of the Early Years Team.