

Early Years Newsletter: 11



Nursery with Mrs Bendall

We hope that you had a lovely Half Term break. This week, some of the children decided to put on a show! Of course, we then had to write tickets, make ice-creams and eat popcorn, made in our popcorn machine. We enjoyed watching the popcorn kernels burst out! There has been a lot of interest in learning how to use our new CD player, especially to play the 'Three Little Pigs Rap!' Outside, we built a ball-rolling machine, using crates and guttering. The children experimented with placing the guttering at different angles to see how the speed of the rolling ball was affected. We also talked a lot about which sizes of guttering to use to allow different balls to run down. In Phonics, I have started doing robot talk, to segment names, then the children have tried to blend them back together, e.g. B-e-n, Ben. Congratulations to Poppy and Hollie, who have earned Proud Clouds for fabulous swimming without arm-bands!



After the *Muffins with Mum* event on Friday 9th of March, we will be opening up the setting for Mums or someone special to come into the Nursery and Reception classrooms from 9-10am, to be with the children to celebrate Mothers' Day. Hope to see you there!



Reception with Miss Smith and Ms Oliver

Welcome back after half term. We hope you all had a lovely break and you are excited to be back at school. This week we have been busy getting back in to the swing of things. We have been learning about Chinese New Year and the animals in the zodiac. The children have been making symmetrical dragons, weighing objects to find the heaviest, counting on and back to 20 and writing sentences using finger spaces and full stops.

The weather is still very chilly, so we would like to ask that all children bring in warm coats for outside, including Forest School. Please note that if children are present in school, then they should be taking part in all activities, including PE and Forest School.

Next week we are very fortunate to have the British Cycling Company coming in to school to work with the children in Reception. A 'parentmail' has gone out with the details last week.

Please continue to practise the high frequency words and perhaps choose a couple of activities from the number booklet we gave you at Parents' Evening. Many thanks.

Dates for your diary

- *Friday 9th of March* Muffins with Mum
- *Thursday 15th of March* Grandparents' Morning
- *Wednesday 28th of March* PTA Summer Disco
- *Wednesday 28th of March* Last day for Nursery, to allow for Home Visits
- *Thursday 29th of March* Last day of Spring Term for rest of school
- *Monday 16th of April* First day of Summer Term

Best wishes,

The Early Years' Team