

Early Years Newsletter

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

# With Miss Smith and Mr Bradman

This week the children have been learning about the body. We have made skeletons, labelled the body, completed quizzes about our friends, we have also mixed 'blood' and 'guts' in the water tray and tuff spot. The children particularly enjoyed learning about the heart. The children had the opportunity to look at the heart and learn about how it works. The children were very excited to welcome two new additions to the classroom: our class pets. The children have named the stick insects Angel and Scarlett. Once again the children have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming sessions and they have been making good progress. Congratulations to Molly and Maddie for achieving the behaviour award.

#### Next week

The children have chosen to learn about dinosaurs and volcanoes. We will be making dinosaur puppets, volcanoes, fossils and hatching dinosaur eggs.

Fathers' Day Morning: Advance notice that we will be inviting Dads or someone special to the classroom, to spend time with the children on Friday 23rd June in Nursery and Reception between 9-20 am, immediately after 'Doughnuts with Dad' – (our forthcoming 8am Fathers' Day event, about which information will follow shortly).

#### With Mrs Bendall

This week, we have been reading lots of stories, talking about who the Characters are and predicting what might happen next. We have also been sorting books and explaining why we do or don't like them. Some of the children helped to re-pot a pot-bound geranium, looking closely at the roots. Others really enjoyed investigating floating and sinking with ice balloons. The melted balloons were then thrown at a target drawn by James! There has been a strong interest in using trellis as a ladder for builders role-play this week. We also used it to Create a jumping competition, using mathematical language to describe how far each child had jumped.

### **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

13th May- PTA School Summer fête from midday to 3pm 29th May – Half term 10th June - PTA summer party Friday 7th & Monday 10th July - Training days – School Closed to Children Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 8am Doughnuts with Dad and 9-10am – Fathers' Day morning in Y N and YR Last day of Summer term – Friday 21st July First day of Autumn term 2017 – Wednesday 6th September