



Early Years Newsletter: Spring 2

Nursery with Mrs Bendall

It's that time of year when we think about how far the children have come and start preparing them for new adventures in Reception! We are all incredibly proud of the children's increasing independence, their ability to play and interact with each-other and their excitement about learning.

On **July the 2nd and 3rd**, we will be holding **Transition Days**, where Nursery children will have the opportunity to spend time with their new teacher in the Reception classroom and to stay for lunch on the second date! In the meantime, we will continue to encourage the children to play in Reception during free-flow, talk about what happens at lunchtime and visit the dining hall. Their new teacher will also visit us to read stories and get to know the children.

After the Half Term break, we will invite you in to a **New Reception Parents' Meeting on Thursday June 20th at 2:30 pm** to let you know all about how your child's days will look, uniform, lunchtimes and Forest School among other things. Most importantly, there will be the opportunity to meet our Reception teacher, visit the classroom and to ask any questions you may have.

Meanwhile, in Nursery, we have been doing lots of writing, particularly as part of our Doctors role-play. We have been playing a lot of games involving counting out objects and recognising numbers. The children have enjoyed planting broad beans inside and a range of seeds outside and watching them grow. We have ventured out around the school to collect the Tesco shop from the front entrance, photocopying creations at the office, taking photos of Spring flowers, collecting our print-outs from KS2 and spending sunny mornings playing on and exploring the school field. The children should be so proud of their excellent behaviour and listening whilst moving around the school. ☺



Please let us know when your child has mastered a new skill or done something brilliant at home, so that we can reward them with a **Proud Cloud**.

Thank you!



The Early Years Team and children would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Siddall, who has spent a whole week working in our Outside Area, painting the play-house and replacing its roof, mending raised beds, cleaning the awning and filling the pebble pit, amongst other things! We really appreciate all you have done.

Reception with Miss Barby

We have been very busy in Reception this term, supporting the children with their learning and getting them ready for Year 1. We have introduced a choices tree in the classroom to support their transition into KS1. The children are enjoying working hard to make good choices and move their pegs up! We have also begun to join the KS1 children for their afternoon break. We will continue to support their transition throughout summer term, this will include visiting the KS1 classrooms prior to meeting their new teachers on the transition mornings on 2nd and 3rd of July.

We have enjoyed learning about space, the signs of Spring and about different insects. The children have worked very hard learning the story of Little Rabbit Foo Foo and have adapted and written their own versions of the story. This week we have been learning about friendship and how to be a good friend. We have read lots of stories about friendship and it has been lovely watching the children working together on collaborative tasks and supporting each other in their learning.

In Maths, we have been continuing to develop our number sense and counting skills and have been developing our strategies for solving addition problems including using practical objects, fingers and counting on. We have also been learning about doubles through a rap. We will be moving onto subtraction towards the end of this week and after half term.

After Half Term, we will all be going to Forest School together during the morning session so pick up will be from the Reception gate at the end of the day for all children.

Thank you to all the parents who have submitted their own observations by replying to the 2simple reports. Please continue to send observation of new skills learnt or any amazing work that the children have done at home.

Dates for your diary

Friday 24th of May Start of half term holiday.

Saturday 8th of June Summer Fete

Thursday 20th of June Meeting for parents of children starting Reception in September

Tuesday 2nd of July Transition Day 1 (Collect current Nursery children at 11:45 am as usual)

Wednesday 3rd of July Transition Day 2 (Collect current Nursery children from Nursery at 1:30 pm)

Best Wishes,

The Early Years Team

(Mrs Bendall, Miss Barby, Mrs Hardy, Mrs Bazell, Mrs May, Miss Wright, Miss Sullivan and Mrs Dallas)

