

## Early Years Newsletter: 12



### Nursery with Mrs Bendall

It has been a time of lots of investigation in Nursery. In the Water Area, the children have enjoyed discovering what happens when different substances are mixed together. Washing up liquid, bicarbonate of soda, vinegar and paint produced exciting explosions and foam! We also explored mixing a variety of powder-paints in a tuff spot, talking about the colours and textures created. The children have loved using our new screws, bolts, washers and nuts in many different ways, including picking them up with magnets, serving them as food and even making a musical instrument by combining them with a cardboard box! It has been lovely to see so many of you at our recent Open Classroom events; the children have really enjoyed showing their special visitors around.



### Reception with Miss Smith and Ms Oliver

We have had a lovely week in Reception. We have started to make our Easter cards and write the story of 'The 3 Billy Goats Gruff'. It was lovely to see so many Grandparents and Mums at the open mornings. The children all enjoyed the mornings and we are looking forward to welcoming the Dads into the classrooms in the near future for Fathers' Day. On the 27th March, we will be welcoming some special visitors into the classrooms: a mobile farm. The children will be able to hold and pet some small animals and learn how to take care of living things.

We would like to remind you that children should not be coming into to school with their own possessions. Some children have lost items or broken things, which has resulted in tears, so we would like to avoid this by asking them to leave their things at home.

Please could you ensure that book bags, books and reading records are in school every day (except Forest School days) so that we are able to hear your child read.

If you have any junk at home that you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate it at school, for the children to make models. We are in need of boxes, cardboard, wrapping paper, greeting cards etc. Many thanks.

After the Easter holidays the children should hopefully start their swimming lessons in school. Next week we will send home a letter asking you about your child's ability and confidence in the water. Please complete these promptly before the Easter holidays.

Year One is fast approaching; to ensure children are happy and confident coming into school, we are asking that children walk in by themselves after the Easter holidays. As we will be attending some assemblies throughout the week, we will be closing the gate in line with the rest of school at 8:45am, so as to be seated in assembly by 9:00am. If you arrive after this time please go to the office to sign in. Thank you.

Homework is due on the 23rd March.

#### Dates for your diary

- ***Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of March*** PTA Summer Disco
- ***Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of March*** Last day for Nursery, to allow for Home Visits
- ***Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of March*** Last day of Spring Term for rest of school
- ***Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of April*** First day of Summer Term

Best wishes,

The Early Years' Team