

Early Years Newsletter



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NURSERY NEWS

Welcome back to the final half term in Nursery, we cannot believe how quickly the year has gone!



Once again, it has been an extremely busy week at Nursery. Additional to our show rehearsals this week, we have begun to talk about colours and under the sea, specifically looking at the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister. This is a lovely story about a fish who is kind enough to give away his beautiful sparkling scales to make his friends happy. The story also links in beautifully with our current 'Over the Rainbow' theme!

The children had fun during an outdoor activity with large-scale sea animal sponges and a range of coloured paints. They created some sea life pictures and chose which animals and colours they would like to print. The children were very creative and made some beautiful sea creatures.



Nursery Summer Show

The children have been very busy rehearsing for our forthcoming Summer Show, 'Over the Rainbow'. We will be performing to parents on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th June. All parents should have now received their tickets for the dates they specified.



Thank you for sending in the children's show costumes, these are all fantastic and we really appreciate your support with this. Our dress rehearsal will be on Monday 10th June where the children will be performing in front of their first audience, the Reception children and teachers! The children's show costumes and clothing will be returned home with the children on the afternoon of Monday 10th. Please could we ask that children then come to school dressed in their show clothes on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th ready for the performances to start promptly at 9.15am. Please can school uniform be brought in a bag, which will be kept on their peg ready for children to change back into after each performance.

If you are coming to watch the show next week, we hope you will enjoy it. The children have been working hard to make it a wonderful end of year production for their families!

The children have also been busy making a beautiful Rainbow display for our show, which they are very proud of!



Just a note to mention that due to our show performances, there will be no PE session next week, therefore children will not require their PE kit in school on Tuesday 11th. Thank you.

Moving up Day

Moving up day takes place on Thursday 27th June. This will be when our pre-school children spend the day in their new classrooms. Arrival at Nursery in the morning will be the same, and staff will then supervise the children to their new classrooms. Children will be required to spend the whole day at school, therefore, if your child usually attends morning only on this day, they will be required to attend for the whole day. If your child is not starting Reception in September, the above does not apply and they will remain in Nursery during their usual sessions.

Sports Day

This is being held on Wednesday 19th June. All Nursery children are welcome to join the fun, therefore if children usually get collected prior to the afternoon session on this day they are welcome to stay and join us for sports afternoon. Please could parents of morning children let Nursery staff know if they would like their child to join us for the whole day and participate in our Nursery races. We also welcome parents to come along and watch the children's races during the afternoon to offer encouragement, support the children and cheer them on! In the event of bad weather there will be a reserve Sports Day on Friday 21st June and the above information will still apply. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

19th June - Sports Day (21st June, reserve sports day)

26th June - New Swallows Parents' Evening at 6pm for those children transitioning to Reception

27th June - Moving up Day

5th July - 12pm, end of term

Have a lovely weekend

The Nursery Team

RECEPTION NEWS

Welcome back all to our last half term of the Reception year. This is a busy term with lots of fun things going on so please keep an eye out for important dates for your diary here.

We kicked off our topic of 'Pirates and Mermaids' on Monday with a morning of fun themed activities. We did some under the sea dancing (we obviously had to include 'Baby Shark') where we moved like jellyfish, crabs, sharks and other sea animals. Some children also created themed movements of their own to music, which were super. We then walked the plank (along benches) that had many obstacles and challenges to try to get children to fall in the deep blue sea! This really tested the children's balance and coordination, as well as determination! Finally, we used a huge range of sizes and shapes of soft play equipment to build our very own pirate ship. For this, children had to work in teams and combine their ideas to one goal, a tricky thing to do when you are 4 and 5. There were some brilliant team players with fantastic communication skills. At the end of the morning, we were all fully immersed in our new theme and excited for



what the half term will bring!

This week in Literacy we have been reflecting on our year in Reception, in particular what our favourite part of the year was and what we feel we have done well at. It was interesting to hear what stood out for children from all that we have done. We had 'making new friends', 'the Christmas play' and 'our trip to Coombe Abbey' as favourites, one that definitely stood out was 'the school lunches'!! It's great to hear that the children have so many special memories to choose from of their first year of school and hopefully they will stay with them forever.

Our focus in Maths this week has been time. We have been thinking about all the different measurements of time - seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years - and what is possible to do within each of these. We thought about what the smallest and biggest measurement of time is and how we can measure. This is a tricky concept so we put it in very real terms. For example "In a year, you will be nearing the end of Year One. However, in an hour, it is going to be lunch time." We have also been reminding ourselves of how to halve a number. To make this memorable (and more exciting!)



we used jelly beans and made sure by counting that when we shared, it was done fairly.

Summer is here and we are celebrating....the Summer Fayre is tomorrow!! It will be held at Swallows from 12pm-2pm. If you are able to, please do come. There will be lots of fun games and activities, as well as food and drink and a visiting fire engine. Let's hope that the rain stays away.



Our Father's day bake off is next Friday from 2-3. Any dads that are able to come, please do. If dads are unable, granddads, uncles or another family member are of course welcome. We look forward to seeing you there! The children are very excited to begin their cake preparations.