

Early Years Newsletter



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NURSERY NEWS

We would like to begin by saying our new children have continued to settle extremely well into Nursery and all of our existing children have welcomed them amazingly since the beginning of term. We are so proud of them all!

We promote independence at Nursery and encourage the children to find the correct coat on their peg and hang it back up again once we have been outside. For the benefit of our new children who have just started with us, it may help if parents could tie a piece of ribbon onto the standard coat hook, which is inside the collar of all school coats. This would enable your child to hang their coat onto the peg much more easily. This may also help children to recognize which coat is theirs, as they will get to know which ribbon they have. Thank you in anticipation for your support with this.

Favourite Stories

During this term, we shall be continuing to use a range of books, stories and rhymes to enhance the children's learning and development. This week we have been looking at the story of 'Holly's Red Boots'. This is a wonderful story about Holly, who wants to play outside in the snow but cannot find her welly boots and desperately searches the house for them! Following on from this super story, the children enjoyed welly boot printing. Wearing wellies and stamping in the variety of coloured paints, before walking along paper, discussing the prints their wellies made. We had some wonderful comments from the children such as "I can see the rainbow colours," and "look at my patterns". The children were able to observe the change in colours as the paints were stamped and mixed on the paper. Fantastic Fun!



As our letter of the week has been 'p', the children have been making the letter 'p' using pom poms and pegs! Pom poms attached to the pegs were dipped into paint, then used to paint the letter 'p' onto their paper. This activity is also perfect to promote physical and fine motor skills within young children as they pinch the pegs with their fingers. The children have come up with an array of ideas and different words that begin with this letter sound. We have had amazing words and language used such as, 'Pirate, Peacock, Pizza, and Penguin. With pigs and parrots being painted and made too, 'p' has really proven to be a 'perfect' letter. Super work Nursery!



The children had an extremely fun and mucky experience during their forest fun session this week - creating their very own 'mud pictures'! All they needed were muddy puddles, a paintbrush and a piece of paper and the results were fantastic! The squeals and giggles made the activity extra fun for the adults as we get so much joy from seeing your children happy! Please can children attending the forest fun session on a Monday afternoon bring waterproofs each week in their bag. Forest fun is always a very mucky and muddy session, especially during the winter months and waterproofs help to keep dirty clothing to a minimum. Thank you!



Nursery will be celebrating Chinese New Year, which this year is on the 25th January and will be the year of the Rat! We have a variety of fun activities planned for the children next week to allow them to experience the Chinese Culture. The children will be making dragons, Chinese lanterns and tasting Chinese food. If parents would like to contribute towards Chinese New Year then please speak to a member of staff. This could be in the form of sending Chinese items of interest such as decorations, or even photographs to share with the children. Many thanks in advance.

Read, Write, Inc.

We shall be continuing next week with the letter 'g' and once again, if children have any items at home beginning with this letter they are welcome to bring them in to share with us.

Date to Remember

Class photographs take place on Monday 27th January.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Nursery Team

RECEPTION NEWS

Phew, we have had another busy week in Reception. Continuing our Superhero topic this week, we have been reading the story 'Superworm'. Superworm is a super-long super-strong wiggly worm that rescues creatures in all kinds of predicaments. Julia Donaldson writes in rhyme with a pacy rhythm, which the children enjoy joining in with. We have been helping the creatures to rescue Superworm, who has been trapped in Wizard Lizard's lair, by making magic potions to set him free. We mixed together different paint colours and explored what new colours we made for our potion. We of course also added a bit of sparkle!



To go with our potion, we thought we needed some magical words that we could use in a spell and recorded them. The children had some absolutely brilliant ideas, including whizzy, abracadabra, alakazam and iggety ziggety.



In Maths we have been learning about length. We made wiggly worms in a range of different sizes, then used cubes to measure how long they were. The children used some super language to describe, compare and order by length - smallest, large, longest, medium-sized. We had a few 'mummy, daddy and baby' worms too!

We moved on to measuring our shoe size. We drew around our own feet and cut out the shape, then measured how many cubes long our feet are. Afterwards, we compared sizes of feet, looking at who's were longest and who's were shortest. We put them all in order too!



On Thursday we celebrated Chinese New Year. Happy 'Year of the Rat'! We had a fantastic day where children were making dragon puppets, ordering the animals in the race, dragon dancing and lantern making, amongst other activities. On Friday we tasted some typical Chinese food, including noodles and rice. Thank you to those who sent in items linked to Chinese New Year. The children enjoyed sharing these with friends!



Important notices

On Monday 27th January we are having class photos. Please could you make sure your child comes to school with their jumper and blazer. There will be no PE for RWP or RL on this day because of the Sports Hall use.

Toys from home - could we ask that toys from home do not come into school. We do explain to the children that toys may get lost in school and are safer at home. However, if you have something linked to what we are learning about that your child would like to share, then please do feel free to send it in.

A date for your diaries is Superhero day on the 7th February. Your child will need to come to school dressed as a superhero! Please could you begin to collect some items for junk modelling that we can use to build superhero cities in class. You should have already received a letter about this but any questions, please do ask us.

On Saturday 8th February, the Early Years are hosting a 'Fun morning' from 9am-12pm. This is open to all existing King Henry's children too so, if you find yourself with no plans, please come along. There will be lots to do including a bouncy castle, face painting, sports and craft activities. Please feel free to share with friends also.

Finally, the PA are looking for new members. If you have time to spare and would like to support the school, please send an email to pa@khviii.net. Have a lovely weekend!