



What an amazing term!

Turtles have had such a busy term, filled with lots of learning, curiosity and fun. They have settled straight into the new term like they have always been here and have made us all so proud of the determination and love of learning that they have demonstrated throughout the start of the academic year.

The big question that we have explored this term is “**Where will our future take us?**” Here they thought about themselves, starting with looking at themselves in the mirror and being able to identify their own features as well as what makes them unique and special. Throughout the term the children have thought about their interests, what makes them happy, about their family and who is in their families and have created some beautiful artwork depicting themselves, their families and their homes, which is proudly displayed throughout Turtle class.

The children have loved exploring the outdoors classroom, and have especially enjoyed exploring nature, from observing the mini beasts that come to visit, making yummy creations in the mud kitchen using leaves, conkers, pine cones

and sticks though to splashing, measuring and exploring depth through the muddy puddles, it has been a joy to see them outside wet, muddy and have a fantastic time, all whilst learning – perfect!

We have also been very lucky to have had our scoot fit day, where the children demonstrated amazing balance as well as great determination, perseverance and positivity – some of our school values.



[Tapestry](#)

Your children all have access to an online Tapestry account, which shows their learning journey and documents significant events and new skills throughout their time with us in the early years.

These observations are uploaded as and when your child has learnt a new skill, or developed throughout a skill, so sometimes you will get more observations than others as they are naturally developing. If you do not see an observation for a while, please do not worry. Sometimes children need consolidation time and sometimes I have just forgotten to press the button to release the observation. Your children are always learning throughout their play 😊

Please do check in to your children's Tapestry account and see some insights into your child's wow moments and to see what new skills your children have been working on. Please do add your own special pictures, things that you have noticed, and those bits that make you proud as well as your own wow moments!

If you could interact with any of your child's observations with a comment, or even a like, this would be appreciated as it helps us to know who is able to access Tapestry as well as allowing us to share the special moments in your children's day.

We love being able to share these with the children and it also gives us a real insight into those skills we may not see in the same way within school as well as helping us to learn about your children's interests.

Please do also look out for any memos that are sent out on Tapestry as we do periodically send out requests and reminders.

[Housekeeping](#)

Please label absolutely everything that comes into school including hats, coats, clothes, water bottles and lunch boxes. With small children they often do not

remember where they have left their belongings, nor which items belong to them, and without names it is impossible to reunite individual children with their belongings. We are aware that sometimes labels can come off in the wash so if you could you please check often throughout the year that these are still intact, that would be very helpful.

Clothes –

Turtles spend a large amount of time learning and playing outside, in all weathers, and so clothes reflecting this are a must. A waterproof suit, coat, a jumper/cardigan, spare clothes and wellies are essential. We do have a welly rack where you can store wellies at school to save you carrying them backwards and forwards. Although not essential we would also recommend waterproof trousers and a coat set, which can be easier than an all-in-one for children to use, especially with toileting.

Can we please ask that every child has several sets of clothes, including underwear and socks, in school each day. You can again keep these in school if it is easier for you. The children all have named drawers so if you would like to keep a bag of spares in school you are welcome to and then you can replenish as needed.

A reminder that each child should have a named drink bottle full of water, in school each day.

Toys from home –

We appreciate that children may want to bring in toys or other items from home however we would ask that these are kept at home, or travel with parents, to prevent them from being lost or broken within school.

[Questions/concerns.](#)

If there are ever any concerns or questions, please do feel free to come and speak to us at the end of the school day, once all of the children have been safely released to their parents/carers.

We are here to help and support you and your child through their nursery year. You can also contact us via admin@gaglebrook.org.uk, and it will be passed onto us in the classroom.

We will then get back to you, as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful half term,

Team Turtles (Miss Tynan, Mrs Wasyliw and Miss Pollard)