

Reception



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This week it's been lovely to see the children back at school sharing all of their lovely experiences with their friends. We've had children discussing their Easter activities, from day trips to sleepovers to Easter egg hunts! The were genuinely interested in each other's activities over the holidays which was lovely to see and hear as they shared their thoughts with their friends.

Physical Development

This week we have introduced our Commando Joe PE block 'If you're happy and you know it!'. We began with a discussion about our emotions and how and when we might feel happy, sad, excited, worried, etc. We then worked as a team to navigate through our feelings, creating a whole class caterpillar train! We followed each other and stayed linked together. Some of us were even blindfolded so we had to really pull together to make it work!

Communication & Language

We have spent this week reminding our children about our rules when sitting on the carpet and during adult led activities. The children have responded really well and have remembered that we need our 'good looking' and 'good listening' skills to make sure that we can be the best learners that we can be. I have noticed an improvement, especially in Phonics sessions so well done to our children, I hope that they keep it up! 😂

Thank you so much to those of you who came along to our Parents' evening on Monday afternoon. It was so nice to see you and spend some quality time discussing your children's learning journey. I have only known them for a short time but I have seen great things and wonderful progress, let's hope that it continues! ③

Expressive Arts & Design

We have had some wonderful music experiences this week! On Thursday, we had a wonderful live music concert in the hall where we were shown lots of new and exciting instruments and the musicians played them for us. What a treat! We also had our weekly music session with Mr Smith. It was a very busy day!

English

This week the children have really blown me away during our phonics sessions. We are having a big push on our letter formation and writing in general and 1 can already see progress as we are writing more and more each day. I hope that the children continue to work as hard as they have this week - I am excited to see their writing in a few weeks' time as I know the difference is going to be amazing!

Maths

This week we have been focusing on doubles. We have used our fingers to find 'double' the number and have got much quicker at this as the week has gone on!

We now know doubles to 5 and our confidence is growing!

Understanding the World

This week we have started our new whole class topic of 'People who help us'. On Thursday we had a very special visit from PC Hayes who came in to tell us all about the Police and what they do. We even had the chance to try on some of the uniform. It was so exciting and we had lots of questions to ask. What a great start to our new topic!

We operate an open door policy, so please feel free to come and discuss any matters including celebratory milestones with us.



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EYFS letter formation and writing practise.

The overall feedback from parents during Parents' evening was that they would like some writing sheets to help their children at home. Please feel free to do ANY of your own writing activities at home (pop them on Tapestry to show us!) and I will of course send home some letter formation sheets. These are for you to use, reuse and to support your children with their letter formation at home. Thank you 😂



Just a friendly reminder about our PE sessions. PE is on a WEDNESDAY for reception

children and we would kindly ask that all children have a full PE kit in school on that day.

Strictly no jewellery please - we have noticed a few of the girls with earrings and these are considered a health and safety risk so unfortunately they will not be able to take part if they come to school wearing these on Wednesdays.

> Thank you for your support. ③ Mis Morrey and Mrs Hancock

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Useful websites



PhonicsPlay







