



Dear Parents and Carers,

Finally, the sun has decided to make an appearance this week, in the lead up to a much needed half term break!

On Tuesday, The Dogs trust came to visit Reception and Year 2. The children learned about how to take care of, and keep safe around dogs.

On Wednesday the Reception children were back in the field now that the new fence is finally up.

On Thursday Reception welcomed families in to share their special books and spend some time doing activities with their Mum's, Dad's and younger siblings. It was lovely to see so many of you in school.



Some children in Reception had the opportunity to use the new cooking room. Thank you to any parents that stayed to help, it was much appreciated.

It was also lovely to see Nursery busy in the Mud Kitchen again after the very cold last few weeks!

Also on Thursday, I saw Year 1 making the most of the weather and enjoying their outside space, having access to a range of activities. Mary was investigating circuits and Seb and Arthur were exploring the fabrics and accessories in the new role play storage bin.





Finally, on Friday, we had a visit from a real dog! The children in Reception were lucky enough to have a visit from Ms Moss's dog Betty!



Please get outside with your children this half term and have a healthy and safe week!

NURSERY



We had special visitors to our nursery this week which caused great excitement, the chickens!

They explored the garden and enjoyed kicking the leaves and soil with their long toes and claws.

One escaped through the fence but luckily Tianna was there to catch it and bring it back. The children who touched the chickens said they felt fluffy, soft and happy! We are hoping the chickens will be regular visitors to our garden.

RECEPTION

We have been very busy in Reception this week. We had a visit from the Dog's Trust on Tuesday. Kelly told the children all about how to stay safe around dogs. The children listened carefully and have been able to remember what to do if they meet a dog for the first time or what to do if they are scared and don't want a dog to approach them. Do ask your child to explain the rules to you.

Our family day was very exciting for the children. Thank you so much to those of you who were able to join us, we hoped you enjoyed a glimpse into a



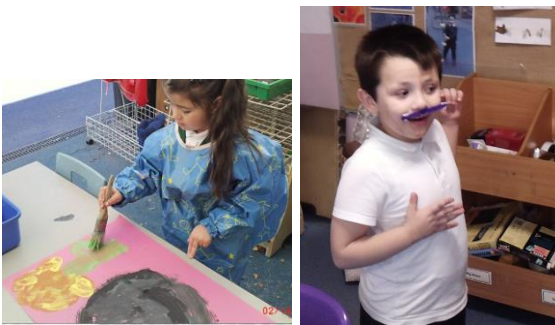
morning in Reception. If you think you might like to help with our reading groups, please let one of the Teachers know and we will organise training for you. The focus children spent the morning baking gingerbread men for everyone. The children spent the afternoon decorating them and then enjoyed them with milk just before home-time. They were delicious! A special thank you, to Yaser's mum who helped the children and Mrs Panesar to do the baking.





We have carried out Phonics assessment this week and the children will be starting their new groups after the half term holiday. Please do encourage them to read their school reading book over the break and to keep practising the sounds they have learned in Phonics. You could encourage them to help you write your shopping list, or perhaps write about something they do or somewhere they go over the holiday that they can bring in and share with their class along with a photo.

Below, Alexia explored the paint, mixing colours to get just the right shades she needed for her face and flower. She made sure she only squeezed out a little bit of paint each time. We have learning not to squeeze out too much so that we don't waste it!

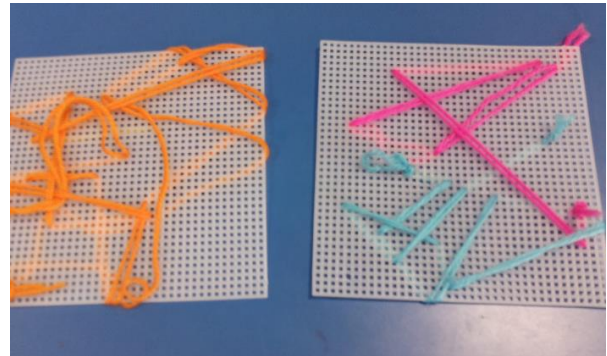


Bleron made himself a fetching moustache and enjoyed watching his reflection as he danced with it on.

In Pine Martens, Charlotte, Kip, Eartha and Sid have been busy in the sand pit, working together to build a castle with a moat around it which is linked to an island by a drawbridge.



Luqmaan and Isaiah have been sewing!



Rueben and Shahzaman have been writing down the number of goals that Thanula can score.



Sid has been busy in woodwork, he made a jet pack.

Year 1

This week in year 1 we have been asking scientific questions. We explored how to make a simple circuit using wires, batteries, buzzers and light-bulbs.



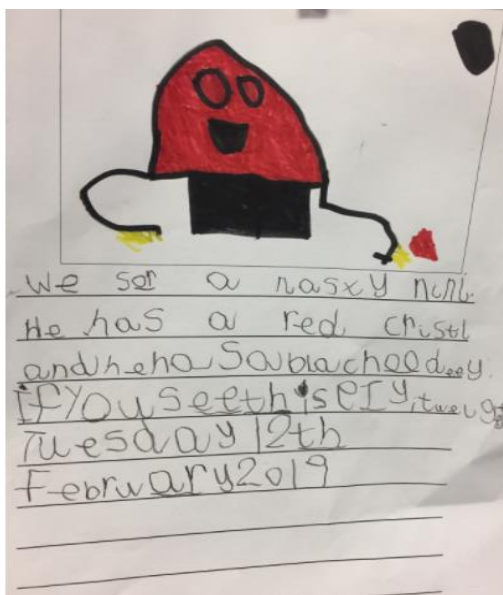


We used our maths skills to investigate. We measured our friends using our feet and compared how tall we are now to the height we were at the start of the year.

We used mathematical language to explain why Mr McNamee's very silly car fell over. Jenna and Sebastian explained that it was too heavy on one side and so it didn't balance.



As always, there was lots of excellent writing in year 1. Aleyah, Suleman and Faris thought they spotted an evil ninja lurking in the playground and created posters to warn people about him!



"We saw a nasty Ninja. He has a red crystal and a black hoodie. If you see this ninja, he will get you!!!!!" Suleman

In maths we have been counting in 2's 5's and 10's. Please practise this with your children over the holidays. Try making up silly chants or singing them to a well-known tune.

WEEKLY DATES

Monday mornings - 9.00am - English Conversation Classes – these classes are free to all members of the school community.

Wednesday mornings - 9.00 – 10.45 – Toddler Group. Please come and join in the fun. This session is open to all friends and family in the local area.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

Friday 15th February – HALF TERM

Monday 25th children back to school after half term.

MARCH

Tuesday 5th – Reception trip to Natural History Museum.

Thursday 7th - World book day - Dress up as your favourite book character!

Friday 15th - Science Fair

Friday 29th – Mums in school for Mother's day.

APRIL

Thursday 4th April – Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 5th April – Easter Bonnet parade
School closes at 1.30

Friday 5th April – Nursery reduced hours, finishes the same time as the main school;

AM 8.45 – 10.45
PM 11.30 – 1.30
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