



Fortnightly Update – Friday 17th May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally been blessed with some warmer weather this week after a rather dull Bank Holiday. We hope you enjoyed the long weekend, although that seems a long time ago now!

For the last few Wednesday's Ms Tuvey has been running an afternoon toddler group. We have been inviting children who will be starting at our Nursery in September and siblings of children that come to our afternoon nursery sessions. If this is something you are interested in, please see myself or Ms Tuvey for further information.

It was lovely to see Year 1 making the most of the warm weather on Wednesday, in the sandpit making volcanoes and cooking in the mud kitchen.



The summer term is always very busy in the Early Years, with lots of trips and transition events planned. Please see the dates at the end of the Newsletter so you don't miss out.

NURSERY

We had two special deliveries in the nursery last week that caused great excitement! On Friday morning the chicks from Otter class came to visit us before they went back to the farm. We all had a turn of holding them; they felt very soft and fluffy. We were learning to use our gentle hands and our quiet voices to keep them safe and calm.



We had a huge box that was delivered to us in the afternoon and we were trying to guess what was inside, Lucas thought it was the Hulk but it was much better than that, it was a beautiful see-saw that has 4 seats. The children were so excited to come back on Monday to try it out. We would like to say a big thank you to the PTFA for giving us the funding to buy this for the children and we know they will have hours of fun using it.



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Thank you to all those who have contributed towards the nursery fund so far, please give your £10 to a member of the nursery team.



We have completed our termly Phonics assessments and are very proud of the progress the children have made with their reading. We will be starting our new groups after the half term holiday. Do keep practising the new and existing sounds your child knows, with them, as well as the tricky words, as this helps with their fluency when reading.

In Maths we have been learning how to subtract using a number line to count back and find the answer. The children have been quite confident with this following their work on addition using the same resource. Imaan was able to demonstrate how she worked out the answer to 13 take away 5:



RECEPTION

Reception have been out enjoying the lovely weather this week. At the field we became nature detectives, closely observing the leaves on different trees and talking about their similarities and differences. We found out the names of them, using our phonics to read the words.



After half term we will be welcoming some visitors into Reception to talk about their jobs. Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to come in, we are excited to find out more! If you would also be interested in coming to talk about your job, please do come and speak to either Ms Moss or Ms Kent.

We have just organised our next trip, which will be to visit Leytonstone Fire Station. We have two dates organised, one for each class, and you will find further information in the letter you should have received today.



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Pine Marten class were motivated by our cream leg bar chicks and have been busy creating items to display in the classroom.



Imrane also made a chick out of playdough. Yesterday in the field the children were exploring the bug hotel and were excited to find slugs, snails, woodlice, spiders and stag beetles.



Year 1

This week we have been writing about the lifecycle of a sunflower. We used scientific vocabulary such as 'seeds,' 'germinate,' 'roots' and 'petals' to discuss what we observed.



The churches are big.
The lunches are tasty.
The apples are red.
Aila

In phonics children have been looking at when words need 's' or 'es'.

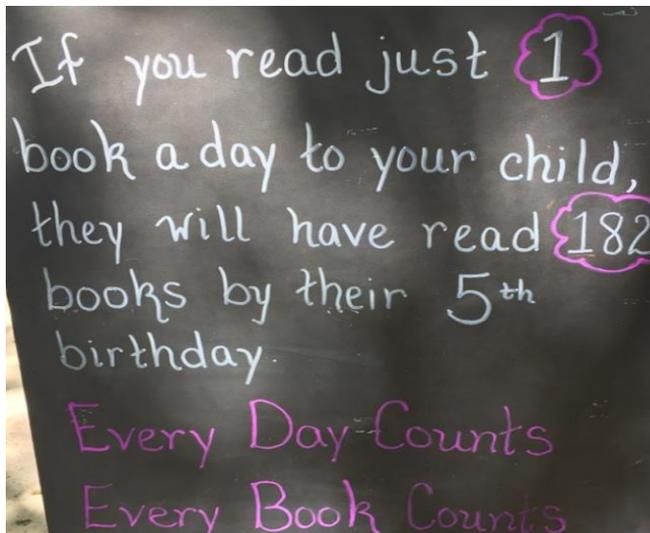
In maths we have been learning about positional language. We have been giving and receiving directions in the outside classroom.

We have also been reading myths from Ancient Greece!



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FINAL WORD



Next week is WALK TO SCHOOL Week. Walking to school is the perfect opportunity for you and your child to talk to each other and stay healthy. Make sure you leave a little earlier if you usually catch the bus, so you are not late. They will be given a card that they can collect stickers on for every day that they walk to school.

WEEKLY DATES

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

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

Wednesday afternoons - 1.00 – 2.30pm afternoon toddler group. Places are limited, please ask myself or the Nursery team if you are interested.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

Friday 24th May – last day before half term

June

Monday 3rd – first day of Summer 2 term.

Friday 7th – The PTFA Great Coin Race 9.00am

Wednesday 5th 1.30 – 2.30pm Nursery transition sessions begin for new parents and children.

Then every Wednesday till 10th July

Thursday 20th – Otters trip to the Fire Station

Tuesday 25th 9.30 am – New Reception Welcome Morning

July

Tuesday 2nd 9.30 am – New Reception Welcome Morning

Thursday 4th July – Pine Martens visit the Fire Station

Tuesday 9th - Nursery AM children to visit Henry Reynolds Park

Wednesday 10th July – Early Years transition festival.

Thursday 11th – Nursery PM children to visit Henry Reynolds Park

Thursday 11th 5.00pm – Nursery PIZZA NIGHT!!

Friday 19th July – Last day of summer term



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GREAT COIN RACE

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE

On 7th June, every class will line up their coins in rows in the playground.
The class with the longest line of coins and the class with the line of the greatest value will win prizes.

If you would like to volunteer to help the children and help other parents with the count (9–11:30am), please email georgetompta@gmail.com.

START COLLECTING COINS NOW



GREAT COIN RACE

WHAT IS IT?

The Great Coin Race is an annual George Tom event that raises money for the school. Children collect as many coins as they can in the weeks before the event. Then on the day, each class lines their coins up on chalked lines in the playground. There is a prize for the class with the longest line and the class with the line of greatest value.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Please help your child collect coins and bring them into school on Friday 7th June. If you would like to volunteer to help the children and then help other parents with the count (9–11:30am), please email georgetompta@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

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