



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term, we hope you had a wonderful holiday. All the children settled amazingly well back into school after being away on their Easter Break. Some children came back to Nursery saying that they never want a holiday away from Nursery again!!

Last week went very quickly due to the bank holiday and we will soon have another one upon us already.

Last week we had the photographer in again, for our website. He spent a lot of time in early years filming the children busy and engaged in their play and activities. He also filmed teachers and parents talking about the school. Thank you so much to all the parents that we caught off guard and interviewed last Thursday morning, we thought you did a great job! We can't wait to see the website when it's finished.

Last Friday we had our belated Mother's Day, 'Mums in School'. Thank you to all the Mum's that came in and took part in their child's reading and activities. The children love it when their parents come into school.

This week we have had two lots of eggs delivered to the school and we welcomed very cute new baby chicks on Tuesday and Wednesday. They are currently living in both reception classes. The reception teachers will be more than happy for you to have a look, if you're interested.

Year 1 were looking very grown up on Tuesday morning when I was in their class. They were all engaged in some more directed morning work, working quietly at their tables and very focused.



In Reception some children had been using a vast range of resources to build a 'Dinosaur museum'. Ms Moss has more information of just how detailed this work was, in the Reception section!



Please, please remember our uniform in Nursery is trousers/shorts with a white polo shirt and green sweatshirt. Please **no dresses or skirts**, this is for your child's safety and well-being.

Finally, thank you for all your £10 donations. We were able to provide the children with so many important resources. For this to continue we would appreciate your donations again for the summer term. We have lots of exciting ideas and plans for how this will be used, as well as being able to continue the provision we offer daily i.e. play dough, snack etc.



Thank You!

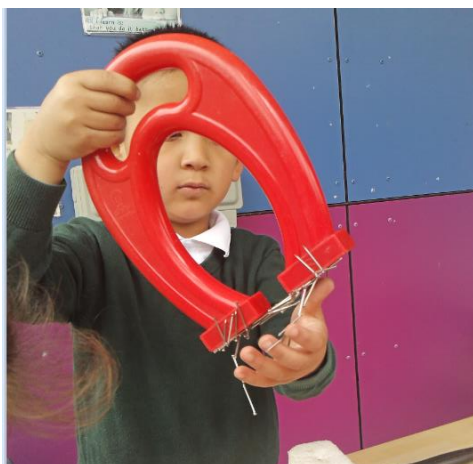


NURSERY

The children have come back to nursery happy and eager to engage in their learning once again after the Easter break. They have been very excited this week as we have been using our woodwork bench and learning how to use the hammers safely. The children are developing their concentration as well as their hand - eye coordination when they are hammering the nails into the wood.



We have been using lots of mathematical language to describe the objects we have been using e.g long/short nails.



Please can we have your unwanted corks, bottle lids, cardboard boxes, buttons, and greetings cards. Old/broken kitchen equipment is always welcome e.g. pans, microwaves, cake tins etc. Many thanks.

RECEPTION

We have enjoyed sharing the children's Easter books in Reception. Thank you for supporting your child to record what they did over the Easter holiday, they were very busy! The children have increased in confidence when talking to the class and this has been lovely to witness.

Safa, Aisha and Alexia created a huge 'Dinosaur History Museum' this week. They worked together to create different zones in the museum, adding a rather grand arched entrance, a café and a play area with 'a slide for everyone to go on' and 'a ride; it has a fence to stop the baby dinosaurs from getting in'.



Both classes have incubators and eggs which arrived this week. All of the chicks are due to hatch by Friday and we will be keeping the chicks for another week. We will be observing the chicks closely and making our own 'Chick Diaries' to record the changes we see. Do encourage your child to talk about the chicks at home. Watching them hatch is amazing; the children were all so fascinated and excited.



In Maths, we are continuing with addition and subtraction. We have already used cubes and numicon to help us; now we are using a number line to help us to count on or back to find the answer. If you would like advice on how to help your child with this at home, please speak to Ms Moss or Ms Kent.

Please keep practising reading the high frequency words with your child at home. Once they are confident reading them, they can practise writing them too.

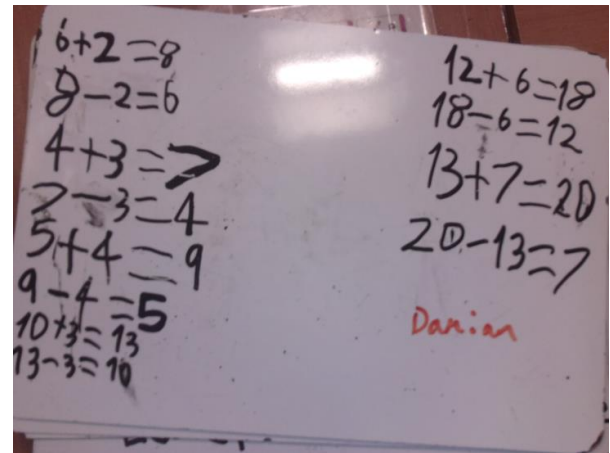
Year 1



Due to the good weather we had earlier in the week, the children have been using the wood work bench and outdoor provision.

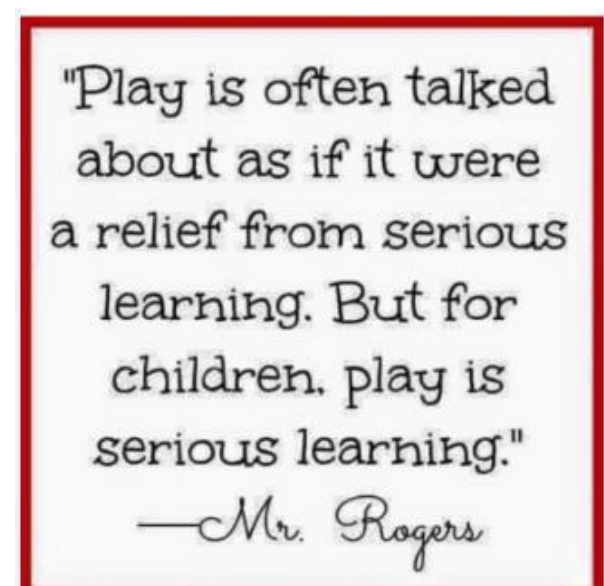
There has been lots of story writing taking place. Some children have even made props to go with their stories for when they are acted out at the end of the day.

In Maths we have been learning about commutative law. We know it doesn't matter what order you add the numbers; you will get the same answer.



We have also been checking our number sentences using the inverse. Ask your child what 'inverse' means and see if they can remember.

Finally a quote for the weekend!



Have a lovely bank holiday see you on Tuesday.



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.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday May 6th – School closed for May day Bank holiday

Friday 24th May – last day before half term

June

Monday 3rd – first day of Summer 2 term.

Wednesday 5th 1.30 – 2.30 Nursery transition sessions begin for new parents and children
Then every Wednesday till 10th

Wednesday 10th July – Early Years transition festival.

Friday 19th July – Last day of summer term for the children.