



Fortnightly – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is racing along and the children have been incredibly busy catching up with their learning. It has been a pleasure to see such varied and exciting activities taking place across the year groups alongside our extra reading, writing and maths. This week in year 1, the children have been baking gingerbread men as part of their ongoing project.



They have also created some beautiful art. These wonderful sunflower collages were done by Calder class.



Last week, we coincidentally had a delivery of free sunflower seeds! They were sent from the Timberland shop in Stratford as part of a wellbeing project. In return we will be sending them some pictures documenting the flowers' growth, and hopefully spreading some sunshine and joy at the same time. On Thursday the

children in Pine martens, went to the field to plant their seeds. We'll let you know how they are progressing.



Also, on Thursday and Friday, many of our children and staff celebrated Eid. We hope you managed to spend some quality time with your families and friends, under the current restrictions.

We have started to plan our transition for next term. Nursery parents will receive a letter with dates for events and meetings that will be taking place, in the next few weeks. After half term, Nursery and reception children will start to make little visits to their new year groups, giving them the opportunity to become familiar with their new environments.

We hope you have a lovely weekend  
Jessica Mendelssohn  
EYFS Lead and Assistant Head teacher,  
Interim Deputy





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## NURSERY

We have had another very busy couple of weeks in nursery with the children doing lots of learning based on their own interests.



Emmet was very proud of the structure he built with the blocks. As he was building he was learning to use shapes with a purpose and describe what he was doing using positional language 'This one needs to go behind'

Emmet showed great perseverance when he was faced with the challenge of some blocks not balancing easily. He was very proud of his achievement and displayed this by inviting his friends and teachers over to take a look 'Come and look at my boat, there are people inside it.' Well done Emmet on your amazing creation.



Oliver was showing how confident he is becoming with his climbing and balancing skills. He displayed great concentration when he was thinking about where to put his hands and feet so he could get over the A-frame safely. Oliver is learning to move in a variety of ways and problem solve when he is faced with new challenges e.g. crawling down the wooden plank instead of walking. Well done Oliver for taking risks and showing great persistence.



We had a very exciting visit from the chicks that have been in Pine marten class. We have been learning how to hold them safely in our gentle hands and using our quiet voices so they wouldn't be scared. We are also learning to use our words to describe how the chicks felt 'The chick feels soft and fluffy and their nails are scratchy.'

We are now thinking about the children's transition to reception in September. After half term the children will be making visits to the reception classrooms and garden to enable them to become familiar with the environment. We are now able to go on walks to the office and around the school which will build the children's confidence outside of the nursery.

We are always in need of resources so please save your milk bottle and jar lids, buttons and greetings cards, old phones, remote controls, cameras, calculators, diaries and notepads to name a few. Old saucepans and kitchen utensils will also be gratefully received. Many thanks in advance.



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A gentle reminder that £10 nursery fund is now due. This can be paid on parent pay or given to a member of the nursery team. We are very grateful.

Pam Johnson  
Nursery Teacher

## RECEPTION

In Reception this week we have been continuing our learning about plants and what they need to grow by planting some seeds over in the school field. We looked at the wild plants that are already growing and talked about the things that help them to flourish such as good soil, sun and rain. We learnt that the roots help to find and bring water into the plant.

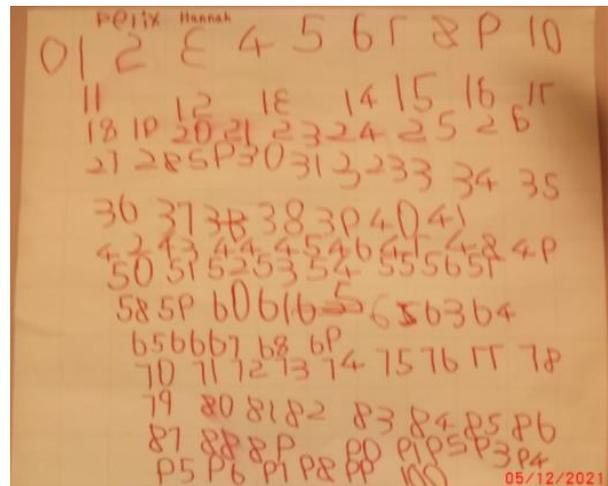


We have also become number bond detectives as we have been using the part-part-whole model to find all the combinations of numbers up to 10. We found out that we can reverse the number sentences and still get the same answer, for example  $7+3$  makes the same number as  $3+7$ !

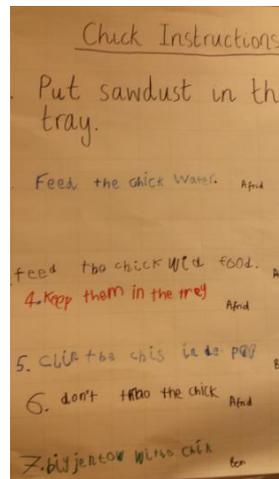
We have been using our post boxes to send letters to our friends in other class bubbles and have been excited to receive their responses.

Last week we also said goodbye to our wonderful chicks, we spent some time drawing signs and pictures to go with them

as well as designing and making our very own brooder boxes!



During free flow, Felix and Hannah worked together to write all of the numbers to 100. They were focused foxes all afternoon!

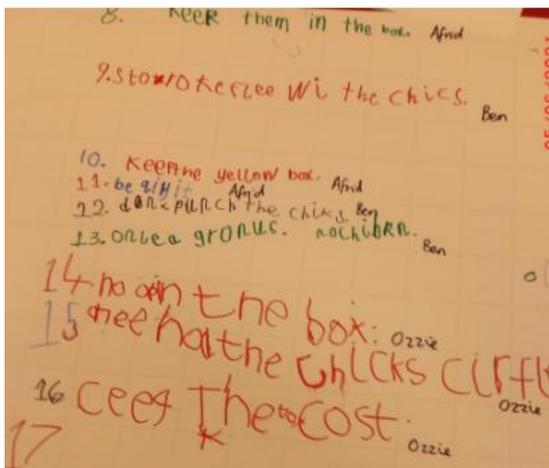


*'No running in the classroom. Be kind to people.'*



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The children worked together to make up some rules for looking after the chicks. These were then written down by Afrid, Ben and Ozzie. This has inspired more 'rule' writing. Jahmiyah wrote some class rules:



We know that addition is the opposite of subtraction. We have created number families by solving addition problems and turning them into subtraction sentences. In art we have been learning about pointillism. We know that it involves painting with tiny dots. We have created our own pictures of sunflowers using pointillism.

*This term, in reception and year 1, the children will be spending more time at the water especially as the weather improves. With continued regular handwashing on top, this may affect some children. If this is causing a significant problem for your child, you are welcome to send in some hand cream, as long as they can apply it independently. Please talk to your child's teacher first.*



## YEAR 1

In year one we have been very busy. In English we have been writing instructions on how to bake gingerbread men. We have been editing and improving our work so that our readers are very clear on how to make the recipe. In maths we have been learning about the inverse.

## Dates for your Diary

### May

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – last day before half term  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June – School closed for half term

### June

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Children back to school



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Transition begins in Nursery and Reception, look out for letters confirming dates for events in the next few weeks.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Class photographer in school

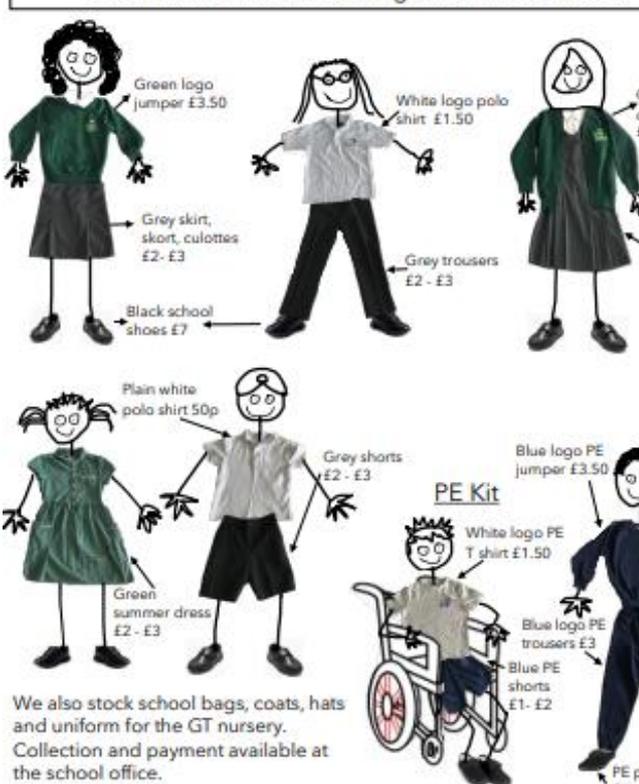
## July

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of the summer term

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Black school shoes £7  
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Plain white polo shirt 50p  
Grey shorts £2 - £3  
Blue logo PE jumper £3.50  
White logo PE T shirt £1.50  
Blue logo PE trousers £3  
Blue PE shorts £1 - £2  
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We also stock school bags, coats, hats and uniform for the GT nursery. Collection and payment available at the school office.

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