



Diary Dates

Friday 24 January

Chinese New Year

Children to dress in red as a sign of good luck, happiness and joy

Exeat weekend – No clubs, creche or late club

Wednesday 29 January (3-4pm)

Key Stage 1 Parent Literacy Workshop

Celebration of Chinese New Year

Friday 24 January

To celebrate Chinese New Year, we are having a mufti day – please wear red for good luck, happiness and joy!

Pre-Prep Sponsored Swim

Sunday 8 March

If your child is in Year 1 or 2 and is interested in taking part, please let Mr Jory know by Friday 31 January. Further details to follow.

Frogs Make Orange Biscuits

The Pre-School room was full of a beautiful, citrus aroma on Wednesday as the Frogs were busy making orange biscuits, as part of learning their new sound 'O'. The children were very busy weighing, mixing, zesting, juicing and rolling out their biscuits. Fingers crossed they tasted as good as they looked!



Lantern-Making and Visit From Guide Dogs UK for Year 2

Year 2 have been designing and making torches and lanterns, after reading *The Mousehole Cat*. The children had to include a switch, which made things a little but more complicated. Their designs are fantastic! We also had Alex and Dee from Guide Dogs UK, and Alex's dog Homer visit us again. This time, Alex brought in some of the items he uses to help him during his day. These included: his cane, the Braille alphabet, talking scales and a device to help you know when your cup is full. The children also tried on some glasses, which limit a person's sight. This was a fascinating session and the children gained so much from their visit. Thank you Alex, Dee and Homer for helping the children understand what challenges a partially-sighted person's experiences.



Terrific Toys

Year 1 had a fun afternoon playing with lots of toys. Some of the toys were ones that the children play with today and some were from the past. The children's challenge was to sort the toys into groups; those from the past and those from the present and justify their choices, explaining the reasons for their groupings. The children identified different materials including wood, metal and plastic, which helped them to sort the toys, as they knew that plastic was not invented 200 years ago! They also carried out their own investigation asking their grandparents what they had played with.



Tadpoles Go On a Bear Hunt

The Tadpoles have enjoyed reading the book 'We are going on a bear hunt'. They had a great time and loved every second of it. They were smiling from ear to ear and were able to help tell the story.



Pre-School Enjoy the Frosty Mornings

What a fantastic time the children had exploring the ice and frost at the beginning of the week; Jack was especially fascinated by the frozen spiderwebs. The children experimented painting with and on the ice and writing in the frost. They quickly realised that the ice melts when it comes inside and when the sun is shining, even though it still felt cold outside. Throughout the morning there were lots of 'why', 'how', and 'what if' questions about our environment - fantastic learning!



Reception Learn About Caring for Babies

Following on from a visit from three bonnie babies the children wanted to go shopping for baby accessories to help with our baby role play corner. The children discussed what they would need to look after a baby and we then went shopping. The children have enjoyed dressing, feeding and looking after the babies.





Mini Winter Wonderland

The Minis have had a fabulous, glittery, sparkly Winter Wonderland week. The Minis room had a makeover to turn it into a snowy, icy Winter Wonderland, full of lots of exciting sensory activities to play with and a snowstorm on the big screen to set the scene. The Minis had the chance to play with cuddly penguins and snow animals, throw snowballs into our cardboard snowmen, make potions with our peppermint snowflake soup, role-play on the ski resort and arctic small world, make glittery peppermint playdough snowflakes, and do some fun craft activities.

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