

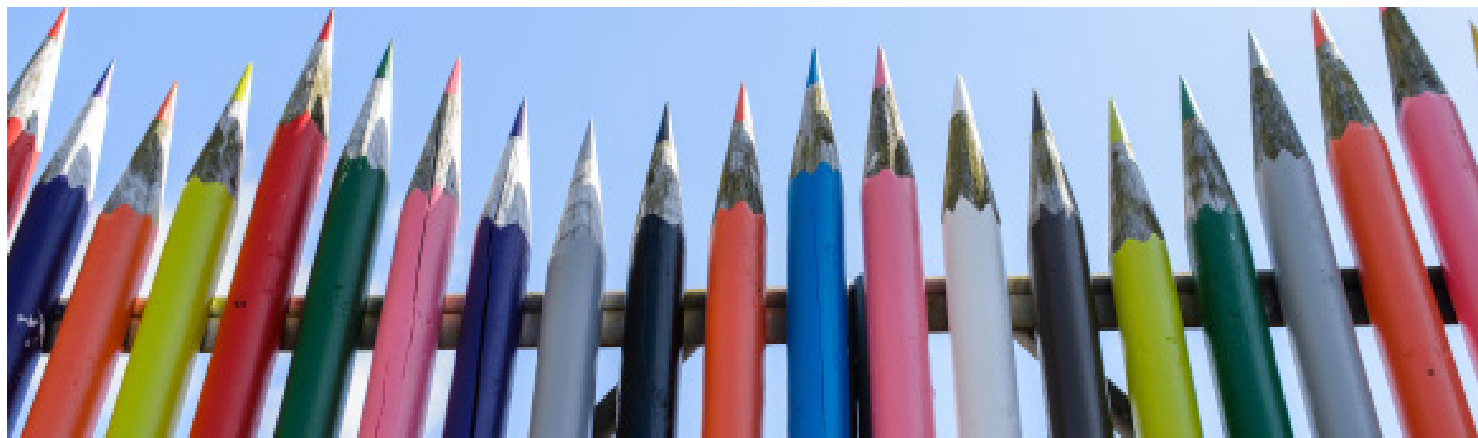


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PRE-PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

With the end of the first half of the Spring Term fast approaching, I want to say how proud we all are of the children's commitment, creativity and continued hard work, they have achieved so much. Thank you for all your continued support and we look forward to inviting you all in more over the next half term, to share your children's learning and celebrate all of their successes.

This week in assembly we learnt about being safe on the internet; through songs, videos and discussions. We re-emphasised the importance of keeping passwords private, playing appropriate aged games, follow the internet rules and to always ask an adult if unsure, especially with in app purchases.

The children have been using the suggestion boxes, providing us with many ways to make our school even better. Suggestions have included growing flowers and plants, range of fruits for snacks, pizza for lunch, bird feeders, more hot wheel cars, nature club, golf and cricket for EYFS. We will see what we can do!

To finish off the half term Frogs have been reading Mr Men and Little Miss books, painting the characters and looking at the different shapes around school. Tadpoles have been in the hall, climbing, jumping, balancing and swinging on all the apparatus. Reception have been to Tesco's to buy ingredients to make different types of bread, they made olive, cheese, ham, lemon and sprinkles bread. Year 1 have been continuing their learning about friendships and made bracelets. Year 2 created dinosaur poetry and learnt a song all about internet safety. Year 1 and Year 2 have also been asking questions about electricity in preparation for their next topic. I wonder what else we will be learning about next term?

Enjoy the half term break with your family and I look forward to hearing all about it when we return.
With best wishes,
Mr Jory

The Forest School camera this week captured a squirrel having his dinner and birds flying through the trees! I wonder what animal we will see next at Pre-Prep...



KEY DATES

Friday 11 February
Half Term Holiday
School finishes at 3:15pm

Monday 21 February
Back to School

Thursday 3 March
World Book Day
Who will you dress up as this year?

GOLDILOCKS

The Tadpoles enjoyed the Goldilocks role play so much last week, that we have kept it going! We have been reading different bear stories, creating Goldilocks dances and making our fantastic bear face art work. The tadpoles had to work hard on their fine motor skills when tearing the paper, whilst finding circles for ears and triangles for the noses!

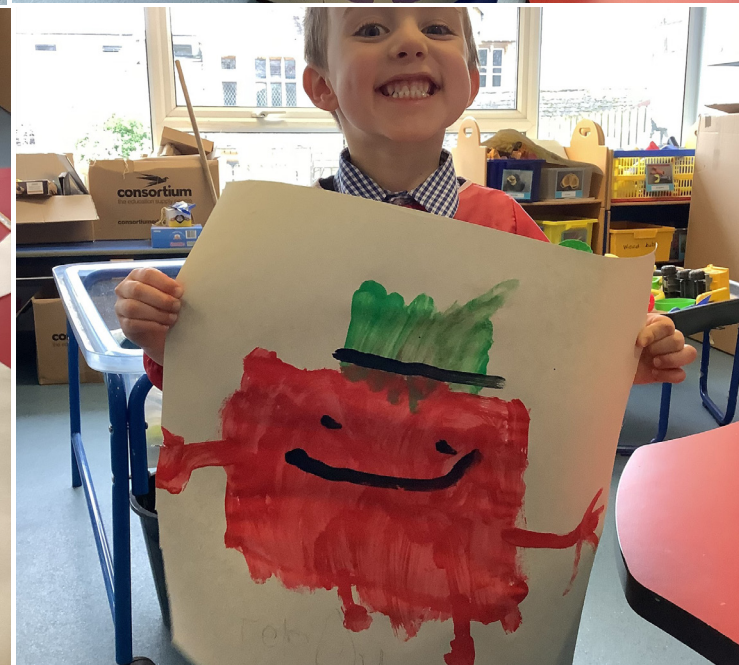


FROGS

MR MEN

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The Frogs enjoyed listening to the story of Mr Greedy and the Gingerbread Man and wanted to read more Mr Men & Little Miss stories. As we read the stories the children started to choose their favourite characters, so we decided to paint them. Firstly, we thought about the colours and shapes needed to paint our Mr Man or Little Miss. Then we used our observational skills to think about what we needed to add to our pictures. All the children have taken their time and their pictures look amazing. Well done Frogs. At the time of press, Mr Tickle is the favourite story we have read so far!



CAN THE GINGERBREAD MAN SWIM?

Last week Mrs Wickham asked the question, "Why didn't the gingerbread man just swim across the river?" The children had lots of ideas, but we decided to investigate what would happen. We had some gingerbread men biscuits and placed one in a jug of water, the gingerbread man floated and eventually broke into pieces. The children then came up with other liquids - milk, a cup of tea, oil and syrup. We were all fascinated to see what would happen. We thought about whether the gingerbread man floated, sunk, remained whole or broke into little pieces. In the end, the gingerbread man broke into lots of pieces quickest in the tea because it was hot. However, the gingerbread man was still whole in the oil, floating and firm, so we think that's because the oil can't be soaked up by the biscuit. If only the gingerbread man came to a river of oil, there would have been a different ending to the story!



YEAR 1

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

We have been thinking all about friendships in RE. We have been learning about how Jesus was a good friend to others even though it wasn't always easy. We made our own 'friendship' web, by passing a ball of wool around the circle and saying why someone else is a good friend. We then went on to make friendship bracelets, which the children loved creating! We continued our learning about materials and the children created some lovely butterfly and flower decorations by reusing bottles. The children were thrilled when they came back from assembly to see them all displayed in the window!



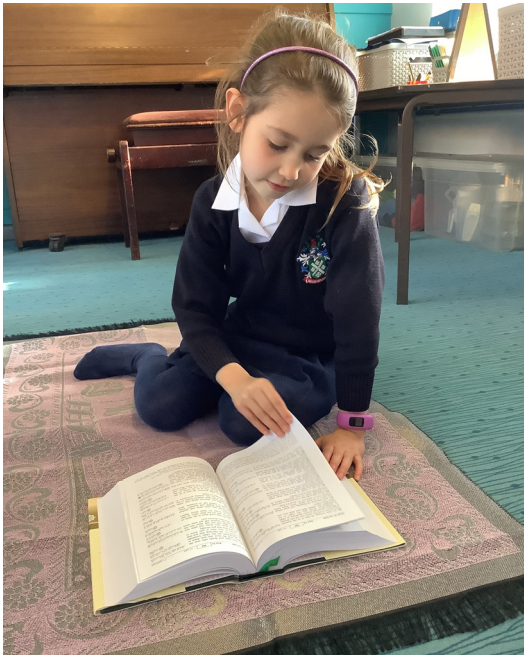
BECOMING BAKERS

The 'Chef of the Week' activity this week was to make some bread. The children all wrote their own shopping list of the ingredients they needed, making sure to write down their own yummy choice of topping to go on their baked bread. Off we went to Tesco with our lists and shopped for all of our ingredients making sure we ticked them off as we went. The children loved their trip around the supermarket, and riding on the minibus. We got back to the classroom ready to weigh, mix, knead and bake our bread. The bread smelt wonderful, and the children really enjoyed tasting their delicious bread creations.



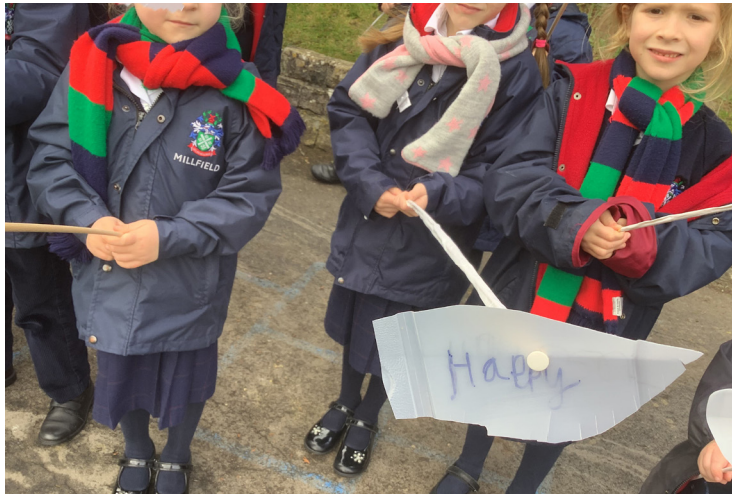
LEARNING ABOUT ISLAM

The children have been learning all about Islam this half term. They have looked at Mosques from around the world. They have found out about the five pillars of Islam and have had lots of discussion about their importance in the Muslim faith.



CREATING BIRDS

The Year 2 children have been reading the story of *The Go-Away Bird* by Julia Donaldson. They have created their own version of the bird using recycled plastic bottles. Each child has chosen a word that represents playtime and they have written these on the feathers.



MINIS NEWS



CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH THE MINIS

Last week, the Minis had great fun celebrating the Chinese New Year. They used their fingers (and hands) to create some abstract Chinese dragon paintings and enjoyed scooping up lucky money, rice and other treasures into their red envelopes. Our Chinese role play restaurant was certainly buzzing, with plenty of orders for duck pancakes, dim sum and noodles. Our pouring station at our tea house was just as busy! The Minis did a great job playing the Year of the Tiger game and even tried some seaweed with their snack! Kung Hei Fat Choi Minis!

