

Nursery Newsletter 20-7th February 2020

Dear Families,

One more week and we will have reached our half term holiday once more. How time flies!

The children have filled every minute this week with lots of fabulous learning opportunities. It is great to see how enthusiastic they are about embracing new experiences and tackling concepts that they have not yet explored. This is even more encouraging when the children are so supportive of each other's learning as they share their knowledge and experiences. Your contributions via Tapestry are so valuable in this respect. Each morning during snack, we take time to look at some of the photos and contributions that have been made together. This really helps the children to learn more both about each other and from each other.

We have had a fantastic uptake in contributions from home in recent weeks and we are so grateful for all your support. It has been great to share your children's experiences at home. We have all been amazed by Atlas' bean growing skills, Reggie's great reading of 'That's not my tractor' and Dennis's visit to RAF Cosford during this week alone!

Our Talk for Writing sessions this week have moved on to our instruction text as we looked back at how we made our jam tarts. The children created a list of the necessary resources, before setting out the method and thinking of some great actions to support a retelling. We are going to move on to our innovation stage next week!

In Maths, we have used 'The Gingerbread Man' as a fabulous springboard for continuing to explore numbers. The children have loved being able to be hands on with dough, cutters and buttons. We have also been keeping a close eye on our bean plants and our bulbs outside the school entrance, using our measuring cubes to help us chart their growth. The children were fascinated to see that some bulbs were a cube higher than last week already!

The afternoon Harriers made the most of a very windy Tuesday by making kites from recycled materials before taking them out for a flight around the school field. Mr Parker was very pleased to see those eco values already on show at such an early age!

Other activities this week have included making clay dragons, sensory mark making with icing pens, building castles with Duplo, playing in our bakery role play area and recreating 'The Gingerbread Man' in our small world area. Such busy Little Harriers!

Finally, Birdie is ready to take flight again! After careful consideration, he has decided that he would love to spend the weekend with Reggie! Reggie is working so hard to be a responsible Harrier. Mrs Blackshaw was especially impressed at Breakfast Club on Wednesday to see how well Reggie came in and played alongside some of our Reception children. Well done, Reggie- enjoy your weekend! 😊

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Dates for your diary:

Half term holiday- 17th -21st February

Informal parent/nursery progress meetings - these will be offered on Tues 25th/Thurs 27th February in the afternoons. There will be a sheet on the registration table next week. Please could you indicate which session and time that you would like to attend by adding your child's name to the appropriate box. This will be an opportunity for a quick 'catch up' about how your child has settled into nursery, how they are progressing and how we can all work together to help them continue to make great progress.

Thank you.

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day- dress as a character from your favourite book!

Wishing you a great weekend,

Mrs Blackshaw and Mrs Buckley 😊

