



**Margot for being a 'Go for it Gorilla' by completing her challenges his week.**

### Message from Mrs Grainger

Another week has passed and I hope that your children are continuing to enjoy the return to school and a little more routine. There is a lovely buzz around the school with lots of children keen to chatter to their friends and catch up again. Speaking with the children; the overwhelming feeling is that they are delighted to be back.

We are finding that the children have adapted really well to being back in school and are working really hard. They have shown great resilience and although they were tired by the end of last week, a good week was had by all. The most important thing over the next few weeks is to allow the children time to reconnect and redevelop routines. It is important that they can socialise with their friends in school and that our younger pupils continue to develop their communication and language skills.

I sincerely hope that this will now be how we can operate and that any further lockdowns will be avoided. I'm sure that there will be bumps in the road and we may have identified cases in school that we have to deal with, but we will do everything we can to make sure the rest of the year is as smooth as possible for our pupils.

### Message from Early Years

What a fun filled week we have had in Early Years.

This week we have been reading the story 'The Three Little Pigs' and have completed lots of activities such as building houses, exploring pigs in mud, painting pictures of pigs, directing the bee bots around maps, making 2D and 3D shapes out of sticks, painting daffodils, practicing our cutting skills and much more.

In literacy, we have been writing about the life cycle of a butterfly, using key vocabulary including first, next, then, finally, chrysalis, caterpillar, butterfly. In maths, we have been exploring and solving problems involving doubling and halving numbers to 10.

The children have amazed us this week during our theme lessons. We have been learning and writing about parts of a plant. We have painted our own flower and labelled the different parts.

**AMAZING WORK EARLY YEARS!**

### Reception in Need

Reception would really appreciate it if you could have a look to see if you have any spare nuts and bolts, metal tap washers, pots and pans, baking trays, different size spoons or scoops. Any donations would be very much appreciated.

### Easter Holiday Dates

School breaks up for the Easter holiday on Thursday 1st April at the end of the day and opens again for the Summer term on Monday 19th April 2021.

This week in Nursery:

This week in Nursery we have been talking about the Easter Story and explaining to the children why we celebrate this special time. We made an Easter garden in the classroom and the children retold the story using the characters and different objects.

We have also been practising our still life drawing, and the children painted some lovely daffodil pictures, taking care to use the correct colours and look carefully at the subject they were painting. Next week, we are going to label our drawings with the different names for each part of the plant.

We have been talking about keeping healthy and eating the right foods, as well as exercising and drinking lots of water. We made an obstacle course in the forest and played shape games in PE, where children had to run to the correct shape in the hoop. We also matched number to quantity, where the children raced against each other, counting out the right number of counters as they got to each hoop.

We were worn out afterwards and drank lots of water to replenish our energy!! The children looked lovely today for Red Nose Day and were very excited to wear their own clothes. Have a good weekend!



This week in Reception

Our Reception children make us proud every week with their learning!

Take a look at this week's activities...



