



Early Years Newsletter: February

Nursery with Mrs Bendall

We have been making the most of the sunny weather this month and spending lots of time outdoors. Many of the children have enjoyed using the bikes and scooters and we have extended this by building ramps and complicated circuits for them to negotiate. Water has also featured heavily, both in water balloons being thrown (and distances measured) and in 'fire-fighters' using spray bottles to erase chalk flames containing different numbers.

Inside, we have seen a big interest in cooking! In the past month, we have made porridge, flapjacks, chocolate cake and scrambled snake (eggs!) This has produced so much learning in counting, turn-taking, new vocabulary and describing changes to the ingredients and many other areas too.

The children are really growing in confidence now, playing in groups and venturing into Reception to explore the activities on offer.

In Phonics, we have been looking at /a/ and /s/ and beginning to think about the sounds that our names start with.



Please let us know when your child has mastered a new skill or done something brilliant at home, so that we can reward them with a Proud Cloud.

2Simple Parent Share

Thank you to those of you who have already returned your slips giving permission for your email address to be added to our assessment app, 2Simple, in order for us to send observations of your children to you via email. We hope that you have enjoyed the first instalment of observations! We have plenty of spare permission slips if needed.

Reception with Miss Barby

Over the last few weeks the children have learnt about China for Chinese New Year and we had a special visitor come and speak to us about how people celebrate Chinese New Year. The children made noodles and tried Prawn Crackers and Spring Rolls. We also learnt about Valentine's Day and wrote cards for people we love. We have now moved on to our new topic, The Living Planet, and are really enjoying the vet role-play area and

learning the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The children are enjoying learning the actions to help the retell the story and using their voices in different ways.

We have also been talking about technology and life online. Today we read the story of Smartie the Penguin, who was given a new tablet for his birthday and needed help with lots of different things. We also learnt the song that Smartie's parents teach him. To hear this story, visit Childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin. Ask your parents or carers to share the story with you again and talk about the story together.

In Maths, we have been continuing to explore numbers, practising our counting forwards and backwards and looking at simple addition. We have been looking at the different ways to partition 5 and 10.

Dates for your diary

Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th of March: Parents' Evening for whole school, including Nursery and Reception.

Thursday 7th of March: Reading Breakfast and World Book Day (Nursery are welcome to dress up, if they wish. Reception will be dressing up on Friday instead, due to Forest School)

Friday 5th of April: Break up for Easter

Tuesday 23rd of April: INSET Day

Wednesday 24th of April: Return to school

Best Wishes,

The Early Years' Team

(Mrs Bendall, Miss Barby, Mrs Hardy, Mrs Bazell, Mrs May, Miss Wright, Miss Sullivan and Mrs Dallas)

