

PRE-SCHOOL

Good morning

This week as part of our Wanderlust: A Nature Study Programme we are looking at Hedgehogs.

Last week we were doing lots of outdoor investigation, the children made playdough outside and used the weather to look at cause and effect. When it was cold the playdough was hard and they couldn't manipulate it but when the sun came out it was soft and doughy and they were able to manipulate it, this led to great discussions about why this was. The children were also doing lots of tipping and pouring in the water tray, measuring the water using weighing scales and exploring capacity by filling different size tubs.

We also practiced taking turns and learning how to wait for their turn on the bikes by using a timer, the children oversaw the timer and the turn taking.

The children also made an obstacle course, using the stepping stones down one side of the climbing wall and made a track with the stepping stones which they negotiated; this activity is so good for their gross motor skills and balance and co-ordination.

We practiced being kind and gentle by taking part in activities such as number games, number recognition, tough tray play using small world animals, problem solving with puzzles and constructing in the construction area, this also helped the children learn to but about turn taking, sharing, and working together.

During big group times we were helping the children to develop skills to sit for short periods of time, this involved the children doing something active for a few minutes then sitting for a few minutes. This will help them on their 'School Ready' journey.

Things to do at home this week with your child

Practice sharing and taking turns by incorporating it into your daily routine and playing games.
Practice being kind to others.

School Admissions

For children born between September 1st 2018 - 31st August 2019 School Admission applications are now open. You must register your child by January 15th 2023.

We cannot do the applications for you and please do remember that we have no control over which Primary School your child will attend.

All information is here <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications>

Reminders

Please can we ask that your child's snack is placed in a separate bag/tub with their name on and not in their lunch box. Pre-School is a busy place and we need easy access to snack and need to know whose snack is whose. Sadly, if we get apples, bananas etc that are not in a bag we do not know which child that fruit has been brought in for. So please do place all snack for snack time in a named bag or tub.

We also need to ask you to make sure your child has enough spare clothes in their bag incase of accidents or messy play. We only have a certain amount of spare clothes at Pre-School.

With a change of season and weather we need to make sure all clothing is weather appropriate and named. Once again please pop your child's name on all clothing and all bags, water bottles, lunch boxes and so on.

Dates for your Diary (please check Newsletters and online Notice Board for updates)

Wednesday 16th November Tempest Photography at Pre-School, individual photos.

Parent Consultations Week beginning the 28th November

Tuesday 13th December Pre-School Closes at 12.30pm for Staff training

Friday 16th December End of term and Christmas Party.