

PRE-SCHOOL

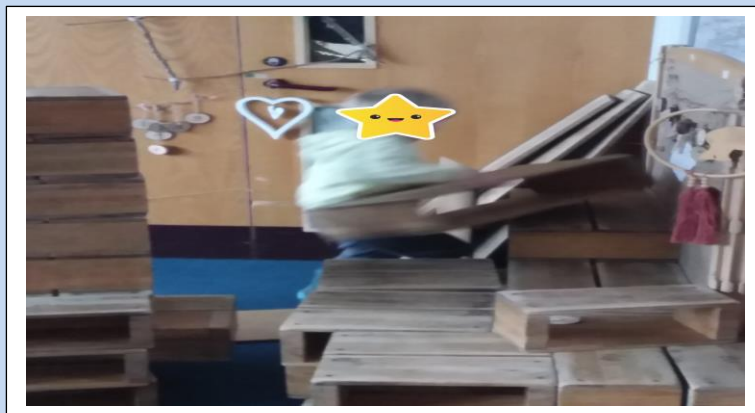
Last week as part of our Wanderlust: A Nature Study Programme we spoke about rocks, we looked at how they are formed and made and the different types of rocks.

We have had lots of stories being read and listened to, the children have been recalling stories, repeating them and reframing the stories. They have been holding books correctly, turning the pages in order and understanding the structure of a book, the beginning, the middle and the end. The children have been listening to new stories and extending their vocabulary, adding words to their stories.

We have also been practicing our relaxation techniques, listening to instructions, having time to relax, be calm, gather their thoughts, feelings and having 5 minutes to unwind before they start again.



We are really happy with the progress the children are making and the skills they are learning. When observing the children we are seeing them engage with each other using the art of conversation, how they are learning to manage their feelings and how they are helping the other children manage theirs. Being kind to one another when one of their peers is sad and upset and helping out their friends who maybe a little unsure. They are putting their skills such as being able to share, engaging in play with other children into practice. All the children love adult interaction and learning through play, it is fantastic to hear the children repeat and extend on what they have learnt, ask questions, and want to find out more. This progress has been observed throughout their time with us and the difference from when they first started with us to now is fantastic to see. Well done to you all.



Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is this Friday, if your child is in on this day we are having a 'Red' day. If your child would like to come dressed in anything red they are more than welcome.

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

March 31st End of term Pre-School closes at 12.30pm, Easter Holidays start

April 17th Term 5 starts

Monday 8th May Bank Holiday for King Charles Coronation, Pre-School Closed

Friday 26th May Term Ends 3.30pm

Half term Holiday 29th May – 2nd June

- The Eggs'travaganza Competition

- This year Cholsey Pre-school are egg'stremely egg'cited to join in with the Cholsey Primary School Easter competition - The Eggs'tavaganza!

- We are asking the participants to get creative and come up with a design for an egg in a box. Preferably it should have a title which includes a play on the word 'egg', although this is not essential. Children need to think of a unique and clever idea then they can really *go to town*, making it as inventive and artistic as possible. There really are no rules – just let your creativity run wild!

- Children must build their models at home and then bring them into the school hall on Wednesday 29th March, before the start of the pre-school day.

- The box can be any size, but we recommend a shoe box/cereal box size. If you wish to go smaller or bigger that's also fine. Each design must have at least one egg in it – children will need some help hard-boiling, then cooling. Alternatively, fake eggs such as plastic or rubber are all egg'cellent alternatives. Any materials can be used in the design but please remember that the finished product will need to be transported to school without falling to pieces!

- There will be five categories: Pre School & Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2, Upper Key Stage 2 and of course...what we hope will be hotly contested – the adults category! We would love the grown up to enter too!

- Judges are yet to be confirmed – Year 6 house captains are currently deciding on the finer details!

- If there are any questions do not hesitate to get in touch, meanwhile, here are a few examples to get you in the mood...

