

Termly Newsletter

23rd May 2012



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Note from teacher

The children have had lots of new experiences this half term and they have adapted so well to the new activities. Mini beasts has been a very popular topic with the children and has inspired lots of our learning across the curriculum.

Here are some of the highlights from this half term..

Miss Jones, Vicki, Michelle and Katie

Literacy

We have been so impressed with how the children's writing has developed this half term. The children are now beginning to form simple sentences and have been practising lots of different types of writing. This week we have been reading the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and using it as inspiration to write stories about other mini beasts. The children have enjoyed acting out their stories in the outdoor area.



Mathematics

This half term the children have learnt about symmetry and have been creating their own symmetrical butterflies. The children have had access to a range of activities, using peg boards to create symmetrical patterns, making symmetrical butterflies and creating symmetrical pictures by folding paper in half.



See if your child can explain the term symmetrical to you. Can your child find any symmetrical objects in the house?

Mini beasts

The children were very excited by the arrival of five baby caterpillars in Class Acorn this week. The caterpillars have inspired us to talk about the butterfly life cycle and what are caterpillars will need to develop into butterflies. The children have enjoyed lots of mini beast activities in their 'Planning to Play' this week and have enjoyed looking in non-fiction books to find out more about caterpillars and butterflies.



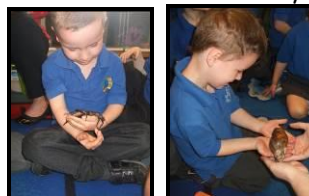
PE kit



Please can you ensure that next half-term your child has trainers or plimsoles and an outdoor PE kit that is kept in school. The children will be taking part in tennis lessons with Vicki and Michelle during our swimming sessions whilst they wait for their turn in the pool. For this they will wear their school uniform with trainers or plimsoles. The children need their full PE kit in case the pool is out of action for any reason and also for sports day practice.

Visit from Shepreth Wildlife Park

The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit from Shepreth Wildlife Park this half term and continue to talk about the mini beasts that they held and learnt about. I am happy to say that we are currently organising a trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park for after half term, there will be more information about this after the holidays.



HALF TERM ACTIVITY IDEA



Wicken Fen National Nature Reserve

Tuesday 28 and Thursday 30 May, timed sessions
from
10.30am - 2.30pm

Why not go along to Wicken Fen to enjoy a 30 minute pond dipping session followed by a minibeast hunt.

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen/things-to-see-and-do/events/>

Class Acorn Buddies

When we return from to school after half term we will be visited by the new children who will be starting school in September. I will be choosing different groups of children to act as buddies during these visits to show the children what they need to do when using the planning board, where to find the toilets and to look after them at playtime.

I will talk to the children about this when we return from half term as the first visit is on 6th June. I am sure the children will make fantastic buddies and will set a very good example to the new children who come to visit.

Notices

- Please remember that sports afternoon is the first Wednesday after half term. Your child has had a letter informing you about the colour t-shirt they need to wear.
- Hopefully we will enjoy some warmer weather after half term! Please ensure your child has a sun hat and you apply sun cream before they come to school each day to ensure they are well protected from the sun.
- Water bottles are also essential to have in school in the warmer weather. Please ensure your child's bottle is clearly named and contains water only.



Dates for the Diary



- Return to School-Monday 3rd June
- Sports Afternoon - Wednesday 5th June
- Acorn Class assembly- Friday 21st June
- Moving On day- Wednesday 10th July
- Summer Holidays-Tuesday 23rd July

Have a lovely half term!