

# Termly Newsletter

29<sup>th</sup> March 2018



It only feels like yesterday when I was writing the last termly newsletter. This half term has flown by....and speaking of flying, we have thoroughly enjoyed our 'up, up and away' topic this term. We have learnt about birds, balloons, bees and bubbles, not to mention space rockets, aeroplanes and fireworks!

We hope you have a great Easter break and we look forward to seeing you in a few weeks and hearing all about it. Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs Tagger and Selina



## Up, up and away!

Our hot air balloon role play corner has been a big hit this half term. Children have enjoyed writing tickets for their favourite destinations and taking a picnic on their travels. The outside role play corner has been used as a space rocket and after watching a video clip of a rocket blast off (many times!) the children have loved pretending to travel to the moon on their space craft. The story 'Man on the Moon, A day in the life of Bob' by Simon Bartram has inspired their play and writing. We have enjoyed writing about what we might do and see on our journey to the moon just like Bob the astronaut and our funny space images have inspired independent writing.



Bubble making has been a highlight during the last couple of weeks. Now that we have perfected our own recipe, we are making huge bubbles using our own bubble wands. We have enjoyed passing bubbles to each other and placing objects inside bubbles. Some of us managed to create bubbles on top of bubbles!



## Mathematics

Our focus this half term has been counting, doubling, halving and sharing.

The children have demonstrated a great knowledge of these mathematical concepts and have had fun practising their skills in very hands on, practical activities. We have been spotting doubles on dominoes, dice, ladybird spots, butterfly patterns and making doubles using items around the classroom and outside. We spotted very early on that by doubling a number we make even numbers and we count in 2's:  $1+1=2$ ,  $2+2=4$ ,  $3+3=6$ ,  $4+4=8$ ,  $5+5=10$  This supported our learning of sharing and we worked out that only even numbers can be shared by 2 people. Next term we will explore sharing between more than two people, thus sowing the early seeds of multiplication and division.



## Nature reserve fun!

Forest Fridays are a highlight of the week. The children have enjoyed acting as squirrels in winter by hiding their acorns in a secret spot. The only problem we encountered was having to find our secret stash of acorns a week later.....many of us had forgotten!

We have also enjoyed making mini dens for creatures in the forest. Many of us made fires, beds and collected food for the creatures as well.

The children enjoy sharing a snack in the forest. This term we have made honey sandwiches and tasted astronaut food in addition to having a tasty biscuit to give us energy in the cold weather!



## Next Term...

We are excited to explore around the topic 'Awe and wonder' next term. We will follow children's interests to investigate weather, dinosaurs, wildlife, materials and how things work.

Our indoor role play corner will be transformed in the new term after a whole class discussion to share ideas.

## Notices

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April: First day of the new term

25<sup>th</sup> May: Staff training day

28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June: May half term

New dates for sharing Learning Journey books with your child will be sent out during the first week of the new term.

Have a lovely half term!