

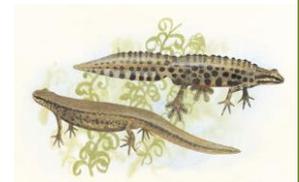
Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update

We hope that you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend and made the most of the sunshine before the rain arrived. Let's hope the sun reappears soon as restrictions are lifted, since this will help us all feel more positive about the future. Thank you for continuing to follow government guidance and safety measures, since this will help our school to avoid closure. Your support is much appreciated. You can help further, by ensuring that your child keeps all toys at home.

From the topic webs that children brought home, you will have seen that this term's learning is all about mini-beasts. In reception, this has involved some mini-beast hunts in and around our school setting. As scientists, KS1 children have been learning to classify a range of tiny creatures using technical vocabulary such as insects, reptiles and amphibians. Next time you pass by our school pond, take a glimpse since you may spot a newt or two. Every spring, we are delighted to welcome these intriguing amphibians to our school pond since they bring new life and a sense that summer is on the way.



Our school grounds are looking particularly lovely at the moment, thanks to our resident gardener David who attends to the forest area and planters in and around school every Monday. If you see him, give him a wave and a friendly hello.

Unfortunately, we have received complaints about cars parking directly outside the school gates at the beginning and end of the school day. Please could you ensure that all gates to school are kept clear, so as to keep everyone safe. The CPSO has been informed and has advised us that they will be making unannounced visits, which could lead to people receiving fines. Whilst we appreciate that parking is an issue for many, we are sure you will agree that everyone's safety is paramount.



As the warmer weather approaches, children will take their jumpers off and they may get mislaid. We appreciate how expensive they are so please could you ensure that your child's clothes are labelled.

Nursery News

We have explored Spiced Chai Tea using our senses. We all agreed that it smelled spicy but really nice. We opened up the tea bag and looked closely at the spices that were inside. We learned what they were in English and Gujarati: Cinnamon Bark – Taj, Green Cardamon Pod – Eleachi, Red Pepper Berries – Lala Mari Beri and Fennel Seed- Saunf. We then put the tea in our water tray with some warm water to see what would happen. It floated and made the water smell really nice



To help our nursery children prepare for school, we learn a new rhyme each week. You can help by supporting your child to rehearse this poem at home. You might even like to add in some actions.

Enjoy!

Tiny Tim

*There was a little turtle,
His name was Tiny Tim.
I put him in the bathtub,
To see if he could swim.*

*He drank up all the water,
He ate up all the soap,
And now he's in the bathtub,
With a bubble in his throat!*



Doodle update

A big well done to all these super doodlers!



Doodle Maths-Top Doodlers

Foxcubs: Amirah

Hedgehogs: Amelia, Atiyah, Franek, Mansa

Moles: Dawid, Farooq, John

Squirrels: Aadam, Ayra, Grace, Wojciech

Badgers: Rebecca



Doodle Maths-Green Zone

Foxcubs: Jocelyn, Kelly

Hedgehogs: Amelia, Atiyah, Dishant, Franek, Mansa

Moles: Dawid, Heidi, Hoorain, John

Squirrels: Aadam, Ayaan, Ayra, Grace

Badgers: Rebecca



Doodle English-Top Doodlers

Squirrels: Aadam, Ayra, Grace

Badgers: Rebecca



Doodle English-Green Zone

Hedgehogs: Dishant

Squirrels: Aadam, Ayra, Grace

Badgers: Rebecca

The importance of reading

Thank you to those of you who listen to your child read their school book **three times or more.**

Children's home reading is monitored, and prizes are awarded for children's efforts.



Get talking!

Play a game of 'How many?'

This is a simple but fun game to play. Ask a question about a specific attribute and encourage your child to call out as many responses as they can. Here are two examples of questions that you might ask.



How many animals can you name that have patterns?

How many animals can you name that eat leaves?

Mental Health Awareness Week 2021

The past year, has highlighted the importance of our mental health like never before. This year's Mental Health Awareness Week will take place from 10-16th May 2021 and the theme is '**Nature**'. During the pandemic, many people turned to the outdoors and research has shown that being in green spaces has been vital for our mental health.

You can find out more at www.mentalhealth.org.uk including a range of resources and ideas.



Nature is our great untapped resource for a mentally healthy future

Dates for your diary

Term 5 – Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May

Monday 31st May-Friday 4th June Half Term

Attendance

The school percentage is currently 93.1% which is above/below the national expectation of 97%. Please support us to maintain this by ensuring that your child **attends every day** and **arrives on time**.

Term 5	Foxcubs	Hedgehogs	Moles	Badgers	Squirrels
Week 1	93.8%	94.7%	82.1%	98.7%	97.2%
Week 2	92.2%	85.9%	88.1%	89.6%	98.0%
Week 3	92.8%	86.0%	94.9%	86.4%	98.7%
Week 4					
Week 5					
Week 6					

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