# Parent Update Week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 10th February 2023!

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#### National Storytelling week

Last week our children arrived to school and saw several dinosaur eggs, this sight created much excitement particularly as a couple of the eggs had hatched.

Where did the eggs come from?

Where is the dinosaur now?

How many dinosaurs are there?

I thought they were extinct!

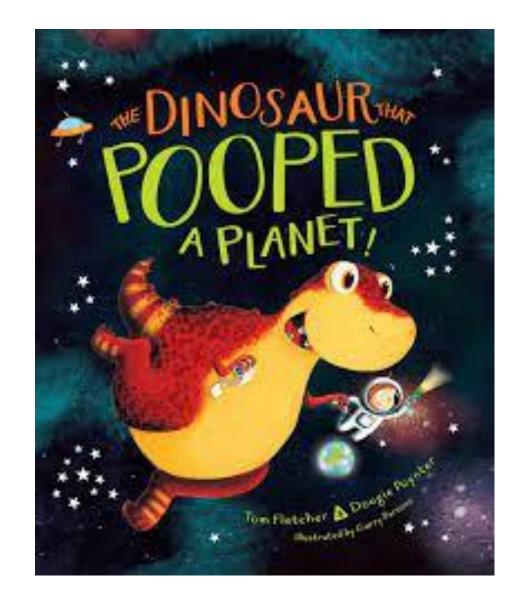
These were some of the questions children were asking, before they were met by... yes you guessed it, a dinosaur!

## National Storytelling Week cont...

The real life dinosaur provided an exciting stimulus into storytelling week, where children across the school listened to the story, The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet. By Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter.

Children then worked to plan and write their own stories, which they will read to other classes.

The impact was incredible and there was a real buzz around the school-but do not take my word for it, here are some of the children's reflections.

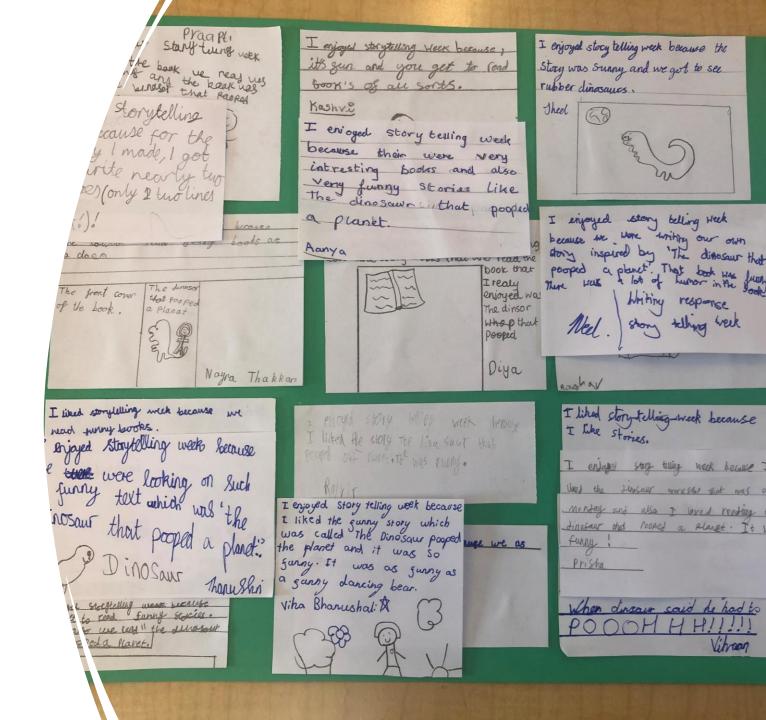


#### National Storytelling Week cont...

'I enjoyed story telling week because I liked the funny story which was called 'The Dinosaur that Pooped at Planet' and it was so funny! It was as funny as a funny dancing bear.' Viha Bhanushali

'I enjoyed story telling week because I got to read new books and learn new words and it helps my vocabulary.' Heyansh Shah

'I enjoyed it because for the story I made, I got to write two pages.' Mayan Mistry



EYFS Maths Play and Stay

Reception parents were invited in to observe a maths lesson to support them with working with their children at home. This week we were looking at the composition of numbers 6, 7 and 8. We discussed key vocabulary and modelled strategies relating to counting and making mistakes.

We used various resources such as mini whiteboards, Numicon, 10s frames and dominos, to ensure all children remained engaged in their learning.

After the lesson, the children had the opportunity to enjoy showing their parents their classroom and their favourite activities.



## Parents refelctions

- "Again, a fab morning really enjoyed the learning and playing! Thank you for having us". – Achyutam
- "Had a very good time, got to learn new ways of teaching him numbers and making it fun". – Achyutam
- "Really engaging lesson. Liked the message about how making mistakes is ok". – Matsya
- "Great maths workshop and good involving all the children and keeping them motivated". – Matsya



#### Sri Nityananda Trayodashi

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, we celebrated Sri Nityananda Trayodashi. Our children learned about the qualities of Lord Nityananda and our Kirtan group helped the celebrations with an extra lively Collective Worship!

Learning was transferred into PRE lessons, where children were able to delve a little deeper, at the end of the day Year 3 Varaha class performed in front of their parents and their peers.

This is what Sia and Narayana shared:

"I enjoyed my performance and I played the role of Madai (a villain). I learnt that Lord Nityananda gives his kind mercy to sinful people as well as the pious and he never gets angry or loses his temper." Sia

"I enjoyed my performance because I learnt that Lord Nityananda is compassionate and never gets furious, I also learnt that he is forgiving and sees good in everyone." Narayana



#### Forest School Development

We are very excited to announce that we are in the process of finalising our plans to begin to deliver Forest School to our children.

We have our very own Mrs Smita Parmar who has almost completed her Forest School accreditation and will be our Forest School teacher, she will be supported by Mrs Jyotsana Jain, who will be our Forest School Assistant, she too has come to the end of her course work.

We have planned the site and will be working with our school gardener to ensure the area is safe for children and adults. Our risk assessments and policies/procedures are all in place, even much of the equipment has been purchased. Read on to find out what next!



Forest School Development cont...

#### **Your School Needs You!**

To ensure the area is ready for the delivery of Forest School, we need your support, the cost of the project is approximately £5000. This is a community project that will benefit all our children, the skills gained via Forest School supports independence and team work, boosts confidence, develops vocabulary, provides purposeful outdoor learning experiences and much more.



#### Forest School Development cont...

If you are someone or know of someone in the following profession, or just wish to get involved, please email me on <a href="mailto:Shriti.Bellare@avanti.org.uk">Shriti.Bellare@avanti.org.uk</a>

- Build raised flower beds
- Build a fence
- Help make our pond useable
- Develop a compost bin
- Make a water butt
- Raise funds for an all weather proof shelter
- Build a seating area

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Have a wonderful break, let's hope the sun keeps shining!

The KAPSH team look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

