

EARLY YEARS EDITORIAL



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Reception- Start Class

The children had a fantastic time on their educational visit to Church Farm Ardeley this week! Take a look at some of the fun we had.



PHONICS FOCUS:

reading and writing words with letters:

m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o, c, k, u,
b, f, e, l, h, r, w, y, sh, th, ch, nk

The children learnt about Easter this week. They looked at the different symbols they might recognise (eggs, chicks, cross) and we shared the Christian Easter story. The children were then able to make connections between some of the symbols and the story.



For Literacy, we read the book 'Bloom' by Anne Booth this week. The children enjoyed exploring the theme of kindness. We talked in detail about how our words matter and thought of our own positive things to say if we had a flower that needed help blooming.

OUR MATHS FOCUS: ODDS & EVENS



In Maths, the children have been working on learning their doubling facts using number 1-5. The children made a doubling machine using their hands to help them learn their doubling facts with a visual aid.



We have been working on using our hands to throw and roll objects in PE. The children did a fabulous job of rolling balls towards targets this week. We have been focussing on the terminology: aiming, target, accurate.

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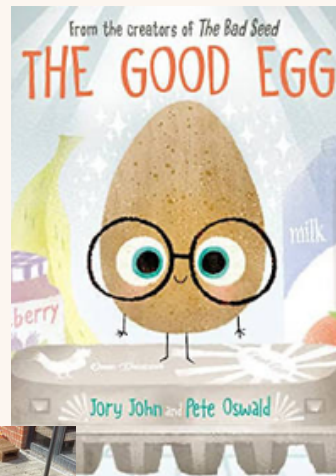
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Pre-School- Lea Class

The children have learnt about The Christian Easter story in an EYFS friendly manner. Children have completed easter cards combing different media including paint and feathers.



In maths this week, children learnt the basic measurements of capacity. They used words such as full, empty and half full. They practically explored filling up different containers using water, soil and even porridge oats. The maths learning linked to the traditional tale of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. They learnt a new song 'When goldilocks went to the house of the bears'. They also reviewed long/short, big/small, heavy/light, from this half term.

This week children thoroughly enjoyed creating chocolate nest using chocolate and cornflakes. They placed eggs and chicks within the nest. Some children took these home, others might have eaten it immediately before they were set in the fridge. While carrying out this activity we linked this week's PSHE learning aspect of cleaning hands for hygienic reasons



In the children's last PE lesson for dance this term, their focus nursery rhyme dance was 'Little Miss Muffet'. After discussion of what curds and whey is, the children danced around as sneaking spiders or scared Miss Muffet..

School News and Updates

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday each week– Reception children will have PE in the hall each Monday. Please ensure they come to school in their PE kit, wearing their plimsolls or trainers.

Tuesday each week– Pre-school children complete their PE lesson in the hall during the afternoon. They will wear their normal tracksuit school uniform.

Wednesday each week – please be reminded this is the weekly cut off day for school meal selection, please be reminded to make your school meal choices in time. If selections have not been made children will be given the jacket potato option.

Thursday each week – Yoga sessions for both Pre-School and Reception. Please ensure Reception children come to school in their PE kit, wearing their plimsolls or trainers and Pre-School children wearing their regular tracksuit bottoms and polo shirts.

Monday 15th April– Summer term begins; children and teachers return to school

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Junk Modelling– We are using all your junk modelling materials each day so please do keep them coming! We are still in need of large sheets or material so if you could have a look around the house for any old sheets, we would greatly appreciate it! Thank you for your help.

Large sheets– We are still in need to large pieces of fabric or bedsheets. We would love to do some large-scale painting with the children.

Updates to our Late Play Provision – Our catering suppliers Govinda's is now providing the meals at our Late Play sessions. We request that your sessions are pre-booked, 2 weeks in advance and we have a 2 week notice period for any changes to your child's Late Play sessions with notification made via email: avantibrook@avanti.org.uk Failure to cancel within the notice period will result in charges for care still applying. If you are interested in a Late Play place please contact the school office.

Want to help at home? Please practise name writing where you can during the holidays. Explore number by subtilising, finding pairs and making numbers to make 5 and 10. This link is great for children to explore maths <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>.

Kids Eat for Free this Easter – [click here](#)

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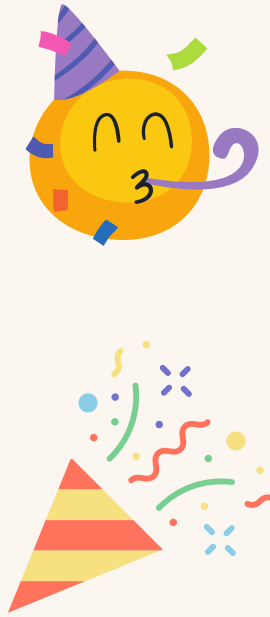
Golden Certificate Award:
Pre-School: Mikey
Reception: Morgan

**Last week's certificate winner in
Reception:**

Golden Expectations

1. **Be kind:** think of others and help them
2. **Be safe:** look after yourself and others
3. **Be respectful:** listen carefully and act politely
4. **Be honest:** think before you speak or act
5. **Be courageous:** keep on trying your best
6. **Be grateful:** say 'thank you'

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To all those celebrating,

HAPPY EASTER

From all of us at Avanti Brook!

Reception Home Learning Project

Reception's next topic will be 'Growing'. As part of this topic, we will be exploring how animals grow and how we can help take care of them.

Over the holiday, your challenge is to pick an animal to learn more about! You could check out some library books, visit a zoo or farm, or head down to Pets at Home to take part in their Easter workshop on fish ([click here for link to book the workshop](#)).



Share some of your learning by drawing a picture, taking some photographs or creating something of your own to reflect your creature. Bring your work with you on the first day back so we can join in with your learning! We can't wait to see what animal you have chosen and what fun things you have learnt.