

EARLY YEARS EDITORIAL



AVANTI BROOK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHARACTER FORMATION

Reception- Start Class

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a wonderful time with family over the holiday and were able to make some memories together.

PHONICS FOCUS:

reading and writing words with letters:

Special friends- ch, sh, th, ng, nk, ck, qu

The children have been learning about the life cycle of a frog this week. They learnt big words such as: amphibian, metamorphosis, mammal, froglet and habitat. They loved acting out parts of our story and making connections to the pond dipping they experienced on our farm trip.



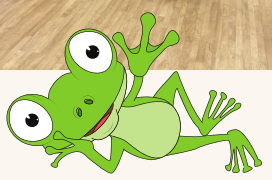
For Literacy, we read the book 'Tad' by Benji Davies. This book tells the story of a tiny tadpole named 'Tad' that develops into a frog much slower than her tadbrothers and tad sisters. The children loved dramatising the different parts of the book and learning about the frog life cycle through a vocabulary rich story.

OUR MATHS FOCUS:

REPRESENTING NUMBERS TO 20



In Maths, the children have been consolidating number bonds to 5 whilst representing numbers to 20. They used counters, Dienes cubes, fingers and more to match numerals to representations.



We started our new unit in PE aptly named, 'Feet'. This half term we will spend time learning to control a ball using our feet. The children will learn how to dribble, pass and aim at a target; all foundational skills for the sport of football.

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Pre-School- Lea Class



Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely and restful break, even if at the weekends you are a family still working and children attending holidays clubs. There were some nice sunny days to enjoy for us all!



This half term our focus topic is 'Animals Are Everywhere'. Each week we will focus on a different category of animals. For example, in order of weeks, we will focus on: pets, wild animals, woodland/forest animals, arctic animals, farm animals and ocean creatures.

In PE this half term the focus skill is jumping. They will learn to jump in a variety of ways, bend their knees as they land, high jumps, low jumps and jumping over narrow items. This week they jumped like kangaroos, rabbits, frogs and grasshoppers.



In Maths, the focus this week was sequencing (ordering events). Children started the week ordering events in nursery rhymes (such as 'Incy Wincy Spider'), through singing, actions and ordering pictures. Later in the week they were sequencing pictures of daily routines i.e getting up in the morning before going to school. Children were modelled language such as, first, next, then, after that, finally, lastly.



In Phonics, children are split into two learning groups, older children transitioning into Reception in September and children remaining for another Pre-School year who are new to learning phonics skills. The first group completed oral blending activities such as hearing words cat, dog, cow, goat, bull, pig etc. The second group completed animals noises and practised repeating the vocabulary for the animals names.

In PSHE, our Jigsaw scheme puzzle piece is 'Relationships'. This is related to families and friendship scenarios amongst friends. Children were asked to speak about their family this week. Thank you for families who have uploaded pictures of pets and family on Tapestry. Keep them coming as the children love sharing their family moments with their friends. This is an amazing way to promote clear and independent speakers in front of others, as they are excited and confident talking about themselves.

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.

Tuesday 14th May – Reception pupils Screening, Herts School Nurses (further info to follow)

Friday 7th May – Reception and Pre-School class photos

Friday 5th July – Sports Day (further info to follow) / **Friday 12th July** – Reserve Date for Sports Day

Monday 8th July – Reception Trip to Discover Stratford (further info to follow)

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Junk Modelling– BOXES! Next week Reception will be starting to use different tools to make models using cardboard. Any donations of boxes would be much appreciated. Small boxes, big boxes, any different sizes– all very welcome!

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.

Reception families–Want to help at home?

Please practise name writing where you can and explore the hyperlinks below.

Maths: [Subitising to 5](#), [Matching numeral to representation](#)

Phonics: [Word time spelling](#), [Blending with Fred](#), [Fred's Adventure](#)

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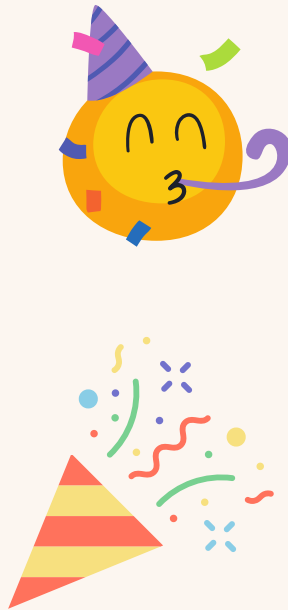
Golden Certificate Award:
Pre-School: Teddy
Reception: Kavya

**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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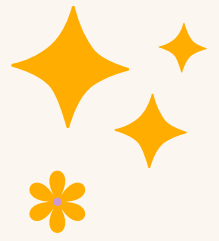


HOME LEARNING PROJECT

A very well done to Kavya for completing the home learning project that was set before the holiday. Kavya chose to learn more about sheep after seeing many of them on a recent trip to Snowdonia and brought in some life cycle information she looked up with her parents. It was lovely discussing this with Kavya and sharing in her interest. This was also a fantastic pre-teaching moment for our frog life cycle this week! If anyone has any further home learning they would like to share from the holiday, please do send in next week!



PTA News and Updates



PTA SUMMER TERM

Our plans for our summer term are as follows:

'Ready steady read'..... a sponsored reading fundraiser for our new library.

Second-hand uniform collection

After school tuck shop to return!!!

Our very first Summer Fair!

More details will follow for these exciting events.

Our Summer Fair is shaping up to be a fantastic day. We have set a provisional date, Saturday 6th July. We would like to appeal to all parents who would be available to volunteer, if you can, please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you have a small business or hobby and you would like to have a stall at the event please let us know. We are also looking for catering support, if you enjoy cooking or love to bake please reach out!

If anyone has anything thing else they would like to suggest or offer assistance, funding, donations etc we would love to hear from you!

Contact us at avantimeadowspta@gmail.com

AGM

Our next meeting is an AGM as we have now been running for almost a year!

Everyone is invited to attend and we would love to see some new faces!

It will be held at The Nags Head in Bishop's Stortford on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30pm.

Thankyou for your continued support

Avanti Meadows PTA