

EARLY YEARS EDITORIAL



AVANTI BROOK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

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SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

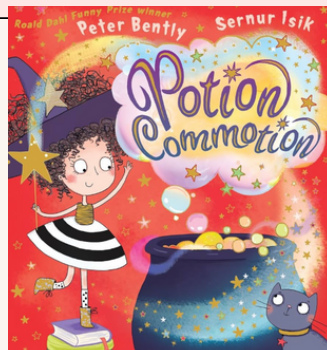
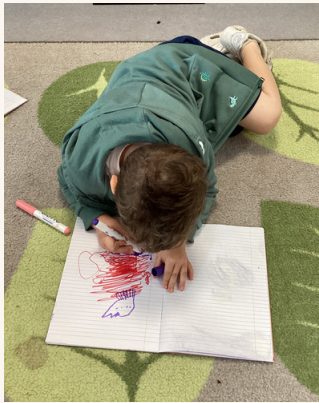
Reception- Start Class

This week we enjoyed reading the story 'Potion Commotion,' written by Peter Bently and Sernur Isik. We chose this book in particular because the children in Start have been fascinated with potion making as of late and we wanted to follow their interests. This has given the children the chance to draw new friends for the dragon in the story, create stews of their own and practise pouring and mixing different magical concoctions.

PHONICS FOCUS:

Revising Set 1 sounds and adding Set 2 digraphs

As part of our enhanced provision this week, we provided the children with different glass bottles, mica powders, bicarbonate soda, vinegar and water for them to experiment with. Everyone loved mixing the different colours, using funnels to pour liquids from one container to another and watching the bubbles overflow when they combined different substances.



OUR MATHS FOCUS: PATTERNS



We have been looking at patterns over the course of the week. The children deepened their understanding of what a pattern is by using different materials around the class to make patterns as well as learning a dance that is a repeating pattern. They can't wait to show everyone during our end of the year assembly!



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Pre-School- Lea Class

This week we are continuing our topic of 'Change is different but it is good', by thinking about different emotions, how we feel lots of different emotions and how we can support our friends.



This week's focus book of 'Rain Before Rainbows' is centred around a girl and her friend, the fox, who travel together from a dark place to a place full of light and colour. On their journey they face some tricky times and meet new friends who help and support them. The book focuses on the different emotions we face as we move from day to day.

Language we drew attention to as we read:

- daybreak
- decisions to make – what is a decision? What decisions do we need to make?
- dragons to duel and battles to win – about overcoming our worries and fears thunder will rumble, lightning will flash – about feeling angry courageous –
- brave
- Sowing and planting, roots before shoot, stem before flower, leaf before fruit
- A day full of promise – means an exciting day, anything can happen



This week our focus book has inspired lots of creative activities within our enhancements. The children have been drawn to discussions around rainbows and the changing weather outside so we have created our own rainbows through art, movement and calming moments. The children have also enjoyed using new rainbow coloured crystal magnetic polydrons and mega blocks. We even explored a rainbow breathing ball during yoga.

In maths, the children have been consolidating their knowledge of number by exploring how numbers can be made in different ways, with the total remaining the same. As always, we have reinforced the learning through games and lots of rhymes.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 8th July – Reception (Stort class) Trip to Discover Stratford – please kindly drop children into school at 8am

Tuesday 9th July– Pre-School (Lea Class) Sports Day 1.45–2.45pm. All family members welcome to come and watch. When the event finishes, you are welcome to take your children home with you.

Wednesday 17 July – Stay and Play New Reception and Pre-School pupils and parents (1–2.30pm)

Friday 19 July – 9.15am Celebration Assembly (all parents)
Term ends, 1.00pm for Reception (Stort Class) and Pre-School (Lea Class)

New School Year– 2024/2025 **Week commencing 2nd September**

Year 1 (Cam Class) pupils return Monday 2nd September at 8.30am.

New Reception (Stort Class) pupils, staggered starts:

Thursday 5th September 8.30am–11.00am (no lunch)

Friday 6th September 8.30–1.00pm (includes lunch)

Monday 9th September 8.30am–3.15pm

New starters in Pre-School (Lea Class), staggered starts:

Thursday 5th September 8.30am–11.30am (no lunch)

Friday 6th September 8.30–11.30am (no lunch)

Monday 9th September AM, Lunch and PM sessions commence

Existing Pre-School (Lea Class) pupils, staggered starts:

Thursday 5th September 12.30–3.30pm (no lunch)

Friday 6th September 8.30am–11.30am (no lunch)

Monday 9th September AM, Lunch and PM sessions commence

Monday 9th September – After School Late Play provision commences

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Sun Cream and Sun Hats – now the sunshine has finally arrived, please could we kindly request that the children bring a named sun hat into school. Please ensure that your child arrives at school wearing all day sun cream.

Large sheets – We still welcome large pieces of fabric or bedsheets. We would love to continue doing some large-scale painting with the children. and then using the fabric as a den building material.

Mud kitchen– We are developing our mud kitchen area now that the weather has been warming up (ever so slowly!). If you do have any old pots/pans, a pestle & mortar, or metal tea pots, we will happily give them a new home!

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: a

Gold Star Award badges – please could we kindly remind you to return the Gold Star badge once your child has held the badge for one week. Thank you for your support.

Reception (Stort Class) trip to Discover Children's Story Centre – please be reminded to return consent forms and kindly complete your payment via Arbor – thank you.

Is my child too ill for school? Is my child too ill for school

Please see attached NHS guidance. Please kindly be reminded that if your child has vomiting or diarrhoea they should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at **least 2 days (48 hours)**.



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Parent Volunteers

If you would be interested in volunteering within school, please kindly contact the school office for further details. We will be looking for parents readers in September along with parents to accompany school trips. Volunteers will need an enhanced DBS certificate that will be organised by our central HR Team.

End of term – finish time change

Please be advised on the final day of term, Friday 19th July our finish time will be 1.00pm for **both** Reception (Stort Class) and Pre-School (Lea Class) this is a change to our publish times.

My Nametags

Did you know that the average child permanently loses nine pieces of school kit per year? To this end Avanti Brook is now a member of MyNametags fundraising scheme.

“For every order of personalised labels for children’s clothing and equipment, My Nametags will contribute 24% to your child's school. Please help us to return lost clothing and support your school’s fundraising efforts by placing an order for labels with My Nametags. Go to the school website and click on the My Nametags link. Every order placed when clicking on this link will be counted in the fundraising total for our school.”

Please find link attached below and at the check out stage, please enter the school ID.

Website: www.MyNametags.com

Our school ID is: 109680

We do kindly ask that all items of clothing along with shoes, water bottles and any other items brought into school are clearly labelled. We thank you for your support.



Home Start Hertfordshire – Pathway to Work – Volunteer with us!

Looking to return to work? Interested in a career working with children and families? Please find further information in the poster added below.

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PATHWAY TO WORK Volunteer with us!



Looking to return to work?
Interested in a career working with children and families?

Gain new skills and build on your experience by volunteering for Home-Start Hertfordshire

Be a Volunteer Family Mentor and help build brighter futures for children – and we will support you on your Pathway to Work. **It's a win win!**

Your free training will include:

- **Safeguarding & confidentiality**
- **Communication & values**
- **Meeting the needs of children**

We can also offer you a reference* and support with writing your CV. We are an inclusive charity and value a diverse volunteering workforce.

* Subject to a minimum of six months volunteering



**FREE
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COURSE**



"If anybody is looking to do some volunteering I would recommend Home-Start without hesitation. As a volunteer you support the family – but Home-Start supports you."
HSH Volunteer Family Mentor

Contact us today for more information:

For an informal chat about this opportunity please call us on **01438 367788** or email **admin@home-startherts.org.uk**

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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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Golden Certificate Award:
Pre-School: Hobie
Reception: Arthur

Reception Home Learning Ideas

- Practise writing name
- Set 1 & 2 digraph sounds: sh, ch, th, qu, ng, nk, ay, ee, igh, ow (snow), oo (zoo), oo (book), ar (car)
- Reading- Resource found here
- Number formation: Topmarks Number of the Day
- Handwriting 'around' letters: c a o d g q
- Explore doubles with the doubles song...
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jOzhiACB68>



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Sports Day Information

We cordially invite you to our inaugural Sports Day.

**Tuesday 9th July - Pre-School (Lea class)
1.45pm-2.45pm**

We welcome all our families to attend. We will be in our school hall and have a carousel of activities for the children and adults to join.

Please bring along your family members, a picnic blanket, snacks and drinks (nut, egg and meat free). We will have breaks between the activities for you to share with the children on your blankets.

We look forward to welcoming you!



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You are invited to our celebration assembly for
the first academic year of Avanti Brook Primary School

FRIDAY 19 JULY AT 9.15AM

Dear Parents, Carers, Colleagues and Friends,

You are invited to join us at Avanti Brook Primary School on Friday 19 July to celebrate the end of our wonderful first year of the school being open. We have had the most amazing inaugural year, and we are excited for what is to come in the future. Please use the link to [RSVP](#) and let us if you you'd like to attend. Within the form, there is also a chance for you to leave a message to our founding members of Avanti Brook, which we will share during the assembly.

We look forward to welcoming you to our special celebration.

With my very best wishes

**Sally Allan
Executive Principal
Avanti Meadows and Avanti Brook**



PTA News and Updates



AVANTI SUMMER FESTIVAL!

Dear Avanti Families,

AVANTI FEST - Saturday 13 July 11.00am-2.00pm

Music, games, crafts, snacks and stalls for a fantastic family day out with appearance from our cheerleaders, school choir and the local fire crew in their shiny red fire engine! Advance Tickets will be on sale from 14 June through our PTA events page. You may also purchase tickets on the day at the gate, if you want to avoid the queue please book in advance!

Only children 2years+ require a ticket. Adults are FREE but must attend. Tickets are £5.00.

We really need some more parents to volunteer on the day. We are looking for support with setting up, support during the event and support packing away. If you can support for any amount of time, we will be very grateful. Unfortunately, if we do not have enough volunteers we will have to cancel the event. Please email avantimeadowspta@gmail.com if you can support with any of the above.

Thank you for your continued support.

Avanti Meadows PTA
avantimeadowspta@gmail.com



Child Ticket £5

Adults &

UNDER 2's FREE

Available online or on the day

Games Tokens

10 for £5

20 for £10

Available on the day only

Scan QR code to book



www.pta-events.co.uk/avantimeadowspta

Onsite parking permitted