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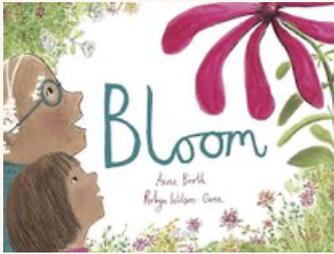


EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE CHARACTER FORMATION SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

This weeks story is Bloom. The children discovered a flower would only grow if people said kind words to it! As part of an acting session the children came up with their own kind words to help the flower bloom!

Reception- Elm Class

The gold award goes to Tadiwa for learning to write his name. Lillian for her amazing crafting skills, creating her very own boat and laptop! Wow!



The children thoughrouly enjoyed their trip to March Farm Ardley. They shared their favourite activities and we created a story map of all the things we did. The children recalled enjoying the bus, pond dipping, feeding the animals, jumping on hay bales, planting and exploring the enchanted forest! We are super proud of the children, how sensible and respectful they were to the leaders of the activities! Well done!



Phonics Home Learning
Here are some links to Fred Talk games to play: [Fred's Adventure](#), [Farm](#), [Toybox](#), [Weather](#)
Here are some links to virtual classrooms should you wish to practise sounds: 'sh', 'ng', 'nk', 'ch', 'th'

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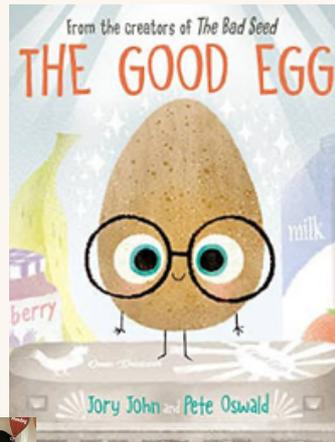
CHARACTER FORMATION

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

Pre-School- Blossom 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/CURRICULUM CHANGES

PE lessons– Reception children will have PE in the hall each Tuesday. Please ensure they come to school in their PE kit, wearing their plimsolls or trainers. Reception also take part in field Friday – PE kits are suggested to allow for warm, comfy clothing during this winter weather.

Pre-School – children have begun PE lessons in the main school hall on Tuesday mornings. They will continue to be in their normal tracksuit daily uniform.

Yoga sessions – Reception are on Wednesday. Please ensure Reception children come to school in their PE kit, wearing their plimsolls or trainers. **Pre-School** Yoga sessions are on a Thursday afternoon.

Monday 15th April– summer term begins; all children and staff 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.

Spring & Summer Menu 2024 – Please be advised that our new Spring & Summer menu has been issued and is live in ParentPay for your meal bookings. Please kindly make your meal selections for the week ahead by Wednesday evening.

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.

How to help at home – Please practice 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](#)

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.