

EARLY YEARS EDITORIAL



AVANTI MEADOWS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The children celebrated World Bee Day. They learnt about different types of bees, learnt about pollinators and found out how to make a bee house. The children cut bamboo sticks and wedged them into a pot. They even made signs and posters for the bees.

*Reception-
Elm Class*

The gold award goes to Mimi for being respectful to adults, showing good listening and being kind. Harry Kemp is always listening carefully during carpet sessions, taking his turn on the carpet to share his ideas and always being respectful to adults.



Children have started to read stories to the class at home time! Some children have been reading the words in the book to tell the story and other children have been using the pictures to help share the story!



Children were exploring the water area and were imagining the water was lava! To make the water more like lava the children came up with the idea of using hot water. The teacher added some powder to the hot water and the children noticed the water changed! The colour of the water turned red and became thick and gloopy! They were fascinated by the feeling of the lava gloop on their hands, observed the way it moved and enjoyed transferring it from one container to another. The children used lots of language to describe their experience!



Phonics Home Learning – After assessing the childrens reading this week we have noticed they are finding special friends tricky to recognise. Please practice them as much as you can at home. You could make flash cards of the sounds sh, ch, th, ng, nk and qu at home. Play hide and seek sounds and make it fun! If you would like one sound to focus on use the link below.

Practise sound: 'sh' <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ELBEuDJ7/P8zylxHm>

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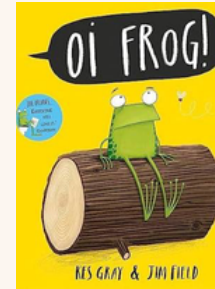


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Pre-School- Blossom Class



This week's animal theme was insects and mini beasts, this linked to the focus story of Oi Frog by Kes Gray, as frogs eat mini beasts and insects.

Children learnt the difference between the two categories of animals. Sadly, due to children hurting insects we discussed the Avanti Way about caring for these tiny creatures and the important job they do for us i.e worms help make better soil conditions for growing but also a food source for our new nest of bluetits in the garden. Bees and wasps help with pollination which helps us eat. We spoke about life cycles, if we squash spiders we will have more flies.

Vocabulary explored was: knobbly, uncomfortable, iron, easel, poles

The book series above follow the theme of rhyming strings. cats sit on mats, frogs sit on logs, but dogs sit on frogs.

In Maths, we reviewed prior learning throughout the half term. The focus was positional language, more and fewer and sequencing order of events.



In music, children have looked at changes in sounds of pitch and pace by making loud, quiet, fast and slow responses by using claves, triangles and maracas.



During children's learning time they have thoroughly enjoyed jumping in muddy puddles, digging in the wet mud and looking for insects.



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 or blue shorts. If children are in blue checked summer dresses or boys in grey schools short, it would be better if they were in navy shorts for PE on this day.

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. Due to the young age of the pre-schoolers and the movement of going upstairs to the new 'Lotus' room within the school the class is limited to 15 pupils at a time. They have a choice of Yoga with the Yoga teacher or Yoga within the class (which is a shorter session for concentration skills).

Transition into Year 1: Changes to drop off and pick up arrangements for Reception (Elm class) children commencing Tuesday 4th June. Please contact the school office if you require a further copy of the letter. Please speak to your child positively about the change. The teacher will send a social story via email to help you support them with this.

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

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!

Pre- school timings– A huge thank you for all families making a valid effort to come into school between 8–8.15. This means children can be engaged in their differentiated learning tasks of phonics, maths and busy fingers in the time of 8.15–8.30. If you arrive later than 8.15 please go and sign in at the office, due to the register having been finalised as well as the safeguarding of children on site in school.

Staffing Changes in Pre-school– We are extremely excited and pleased to welcome a new Pre-School class teacher, Mrs Victoria Bennett, to the Pre-School team. She is highly experienced and is looking forward to this new adventure. She has already visited the children, and for anyone who was not been in attendance this week, they can view her personal introductory video on tapestry, which will go live shortly. She has created a personal letter introducing herself to parents as well. This will be emailed hopefully today. Therefore, children will be supported by Mrs Bennett (class teacher), Mrs Black (higher level teaching assistant), Miss Jacobs and Mrs Crawford (teaching assistant). These will be consistant everyday staff. Mrs Black will return to everyday and Mrs Bull will still be visiting and supporting the Pre-School team. You are welcome to email preschool.meadows@avanti.org.uk to contact Mrs Bull or Mrs Bennett, and Mrs Angeline Taylor will pass this on as soon as possible.



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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'



AVANTI BROOK
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Golden Certificate Award:
Pre-School: Amelie and Theo
Reception: Harry and Mimi

