

# EARLY YEARS EDITORIAL



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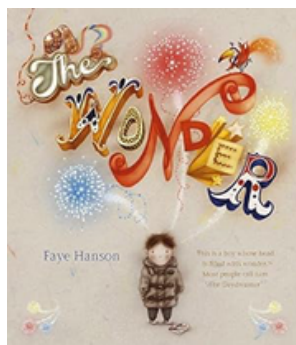
CHARACTER FORMATION

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

Story of the week is The Wonder. Where a little boy goes to school and imagines wonderful things. The children had a go at using their imagination by listening to different music and sounds and drawing what they could feel and see. They then shared their art with each other.

*Reception-  
Elm Class*

The gold award goes to Natalia for wowing Mrs Thompson with her yoga moves. Lillian wrote an independent sentence using her sounds!

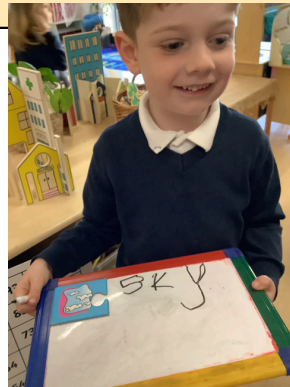
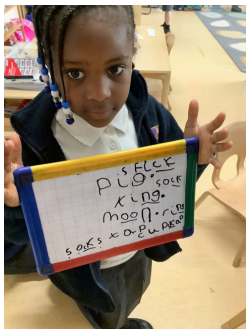


The children have really enjoyed parachute games this week. They played pop corn, flipping balls off the top of the parachute by raising and dropping it as a team. The children also played buried treasure and counted how many pieces of treasure they were able to grab before the pirates came back! We thought



We have continued to develop our outside area by planting grasses, seeds and explored growing potatoes and strawberries. We have observed our plants growing and noticed plants blooming.

We are seeing lots of children using their sounds to write simple words independently! They have been very proud of their work and asked for the teacher to take photographs.



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: 'th', <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ReudF0AE/KMKYF4nD>

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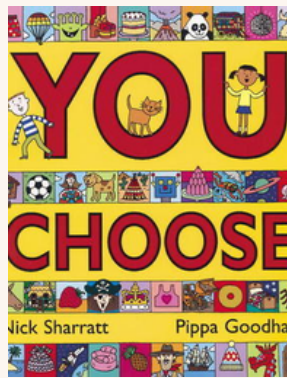
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## Pre-School- Blossom Class



Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year. We begin our last topic of 'Change is different but it is good.' In the last seven weeks, children will talk about seasonal changes, summer family outings such as seaside trips, camping etc. Lastly, some children will explore the concept of transition and changes as they've become more grown up and begin their school journey into reception.



This week's focus book of 'You choose' by Pippa Goodhart, was a valuable discussion prompt for children to discuss their favourite things.

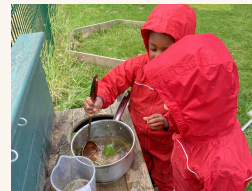
The children answered various question personal to them such as, If you could go anywhere, where would you go? Who would you like as a friend? What would you eat? What would you do for fun?

Language we drew attention to as we read:

What does it mean, wheels or wings?  
 What does perhaps mean?  
 What does it mean to have fun?  
 What happens when you snooze?

Focus vocabulary covered was:

family, friends, home, choose, travel, hungry, pet, job



Linked to the focus story the children chose what learning activities we developed in the learning enhancement areas. Some of the favourites included choosing different vehicles to build in the construction area, including a bus and a speedboat! We also had a very busy doctors surgery! We chose our favourite yoga poses, made super soup in the mud kitchen and created courses using the big grass blocks.

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In Maths, children reviewed the composition of numeral 3 and 4. What does 3 and 4 mean? How many ways could this be shown using fingers? Can you clap, stomp 4 times? Can the children find 3 objects?



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# 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.

**Tuesday 9th July-** Pre-School Sports Day 1.45-2.45pm. All family members welcome to come and watch.

**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 Survey-** Thank you to all our families that have completed the surveys. If you have not done so and can spare a few minutes, we welcome more responses. We will then evaluate the answers, come up with next steps and share our plan with parents in July. Surveys will close next Friday 14th June.

**The Pre-School children have had a fabulous week getting to know their new teachers Mrs Victoria Bennett. They have made her feel very welcome and she has enjoyed getting to know each family by informally talking to family members during drop off and pick up.**

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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: Albie and Gabriel  
Reception: Natalia and Lillian



## Reception Home Learning Ideas

- Practise writing name
- Set 1 & 2 digraph sounds: sh, ch, th, qu, ng, nk, ay
- Reading- Resource found here
- Number formation: Topmarks Number of the Day
- Handwriting 'around' letters: c a o d g q