

# EARLY YEARS EDITORIAL



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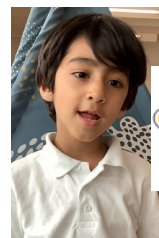
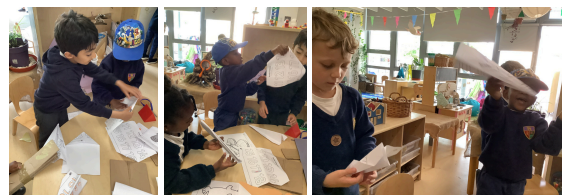
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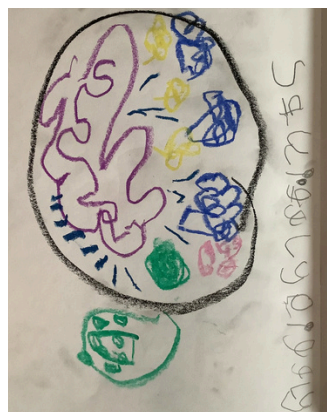
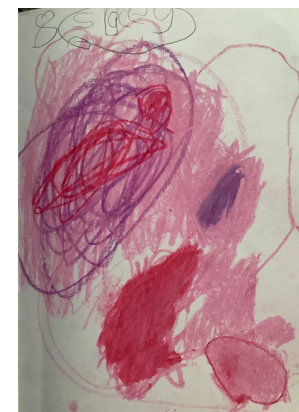
## Reception- Elm Class

This week we have seen children taking on the role of teacher. Miss Hewitt found out Mustafa was helping children make paper airplanes! He even taught Miss Hewitt! He was very patient and tried his best to keep up with helping children.

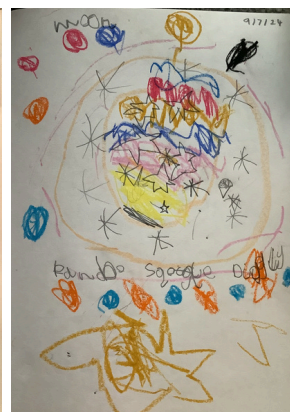
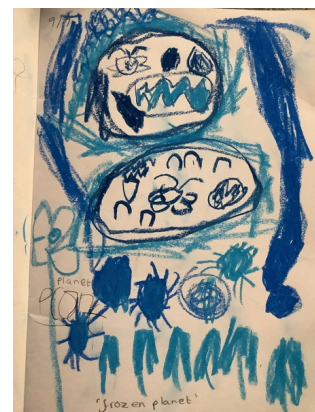
The gold award goes to Tadiwa for being so safe on the school trip and showing better listening skills! Mustafa for teaching friends how to make paper airplanes!



In maths we have been learning about positional language. The children enjoyed playing a game where they had to work in partners and give instructions on where to place their toys. Each child had the same type of toys and one partner gave instructions. Then the pair playing the game would count to 3 and remove the barrier between them to see if their small world objects were placed in the same way. The children chose to play this game in their learning time and invited Miss Hewitt to join them.



For drawing Club the children drew their own idea of what planet Squiggly Diggly would look like! Some made an ice planet, some a candy floss planet and a planet made of rainbows. This was inspired by their trip to the Discover Centre where they met an alien from the planet Squiggly Diggly. Thankyou to all the helpers who came along for the ride! It is always appreciated!



Phonics Home Learning – We are working on special friends, 'sh, ch, th, ng, nk, oo, oo, or, ar, ee, ay, igh, ow' You can play hide and seek sounds and make it fun! If you would like one sound to focus on use the link below.

Practise sound: 'ow' <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/4DdnUJEG/9ajqoIKY>



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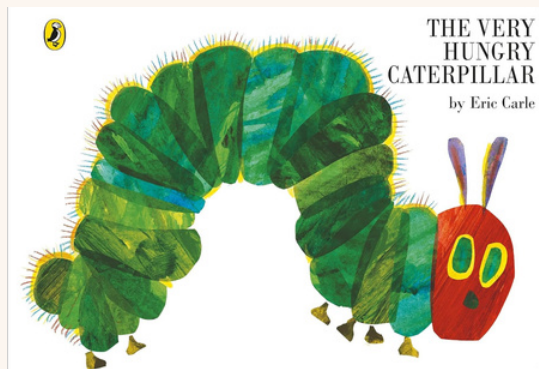
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## Pre-School- Blossom Class



This week we are continuing our topic of 'Change is different but it is good', by thinking about how we are growing and have changed over the years.



This week we have chosen to read and watch various stories connected to sports day to help us prepare for our own event and also to help us compare our experiences. We talked about the importance of taking part and trying things which we might find difficult. Impressing the notion; it's not the winning but the taking part that counts.

During our PSHE session this week we shared the story, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, by Eric Carle. Our focus was connected to the growth and change that the caterpillar experiences, helping us reflect on how we have changed.

We discussed our physical changes, what things we have had to do to help us grow and develop as well as how we feel about our personal changes.

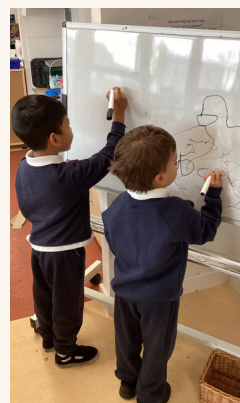
As a wonderful extra, we found an amazing moth outside, called a Elephant Hawk Moth. This inspired lots of further investigation and discussion.



This week saw the arrival of our much anticipated sports afternoon! As expected, the rain came, meaning we had to move the celebrations inside. Although it was noisy and busy, the children seemed to enjoy themselves! A big thank you goes to all the parents and carers who were there to support and share the event with the children.

We have also enjoyed lots of role playing this week with the children creating 'restaurants' outside and 'classrooms' inside!

In maths, the children have been consolidating their knowledge of comparing groups of objects. We have focused on the language; more than, fewer and equal. We have used lots of practical activities to help the children visualise the difference.





# 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.

**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).

### Week commencing 2nd September –

- New Reception pupils, staggered starts:

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

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

Monday 9th September 8.30am–3.15pm

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

Thursday 5th September 8.00am–11.00am (no lunch)

Friday 6th September 8.00–11.00am (no lunch)

Monday 9th September AM, Lunch and PM sessions commence

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

Thursday 5th September 12.00–3.00pm (no lunch)

Friday 6th September 8.00am–11.00am (no lunch)

Monday 9th September AM, Lunch and PM sessions commence

## 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!

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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: Isaac and Lilly-Rose  
Reception: Mustafa and Tadiwa



## Reception Home Learning Ideas

- Practise writing name
- Set 1 & 2 digraph sounds: sh, ch, th, qu, ng, nk, ay, ee, igh, ar, oo, ow, or
- Reading- Resource found here
- Number formation: Topmarks Number of the Day
- Handwriting 'around' letters: q, g, e, f, s
- Explore number bonds... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lD9tjBUiXs0>