



Early Years Talk-Talk

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021



### Message from Mrs Grainger

We are genuinely excited and so looking forward to welcoming all our children back to school from next Monday 8th March. Three days and counting! To have our school community reunited for the first time since Christmas will certainly be very special.

Since January, I have thanked parents and children for all their hard work at home in nearly every weekly newsletter. This week, I thank you in advance for what will hopefully be the last few days of remote learning. So, thank you for the time, effort and dedication you have given to support learning at home. We know at times it has been challenging.

Thanks should also go to the Chadsmead team for working incredibly hard. The additional workload that this situation has presented has been immense - altering our curriculum input, adapting resources for remote learning, providing quality feedback to those children at home, preparing reading materials, lateral flow testing for staff (and the associated training), more reports back to the Government, Local Authority and Public Health England than you can imagine to name but a few. The nature of the people who work in schools means that they are always putting children first. So thank you team, you are all simply amazing.

As parents and carers you can now hopefully look forward to some level of resumed normality regarding the education of your children. Teachers will focus initially on settling the children back into school, ensuring that they are happy and secure. We will provide opportunities for play, collaboration, physical exercise and utilise our outdoor space as much as possible. We will prioritise identifying gaps and re-establishing good progress in phonics, reading, writing and mathematics. Our curriculum will remain broad and ambitious, with lots of wonderful cross curricular learning. What some of the children at home may have lost is their willingness to be independent and the ability to problem-solve for themselves, as well as their stamina for sustained learning. Some children may be unsure at losing their 1:1 adult (you), having to work with others and remembering how to compromise. We will do all that we can to ensure



that the children continue to develop these essential skills for learning.

As a school, we should be so proud of what we have achieved in unbelievably difficult circumstances. It has been a real testament to Chadsmead as a community in the way that we have all pulled together to help and support one another. We really do look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 8th March.

### Message from Early Years

Wow! What an exciting week we have had ☺

We had so much fun on World Book Day, learning all about the author Tom Fletcher. We completed lots of exciting activities such as designing our own book cover, character scavenger hunt, drawing portraits of Tom Fletcher and we even created our own stories! The children dressed up as characters from their favourite story and we even played a game of guessing the character. The children used super descriptive words to describe who they were!

Also, in our theme this week, we have continued to learn all about Spring and have even painted our own tulips using paints and forks.

We are really looking forward to having all of the children back at school next week. We have missed them all so much! The classroom definitely hasn't been the same without all of them together. We are so proud of all the children (both in school and at home) they have been amazing! We would like to say a huge thank you to parents for supporting both children and staff during this time.

Please ensure all work that your child has completed over this period is returned on the first day back.

**We can't wait to see all of your smiley faces on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March ☺**

### This week in Nursery:

This week, we have been continuing to talk about Spring and have enjoyed looking in the forest and Nursery garden for more signs that Winter is leaving us! We have spotted more daffodils and crocuses this week and the children have painted some beautiful tulip pictures using metal forks. We planted runner beans in pots and are looking after them every day, waiting for some green shoots to start popping up!

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day and the children looked amazing in their beautiful costumes. Thank you for putting so much effort into making the children look amazing.

We talked about the author Tom Fletcher and read the story 'There's a Monster in my Book.'

The children then made up their own character and wrote their own version of the story. They wrote down the letter sounds they could hear and drew some lovely pictures explaining the beginning, middle and end of their stories.

We have sent some of our stories and pictures to Tom Fletcher's publisher, so I'll let you know if we get a reply. Fingers crossed!

Next week is Science week at school, so we will become Saplings Scientists! Look out on Twitter for some interesting experiments during the week.



### This week in Reception

Our Reception children make us proud every week with their learning!  
Take a look at this week's activities...



