



Early Years Talk-Talk

Friday 12th February 2021



Message from Mrs Grainger

I hope this newsletter finds you well. This week is the final week of our first half-term of 2021 and what a half-term it has been; one which we won't ever forget in a hurry!

I would like to thank you once again for all your hard work and support. We know that some children at home are becoming really tired, but please be reassured that we usually see this in school prior to a half-term coming up, so if you feel that taking extra time out from remote learning is beneficial to your wellbeing, then please do so. I am also well aware that many of you are exhausted too, as you continue to multi-task and still only 'going for a walk' (in the cold) as the highlight of the day! But please do stay positive.

We are really missing having all the children in school and the team are counting down the days to when the classrooms and playgrounds are full again. We have been told that the Government will give all schools two weeks' notice of when they want us to re-open fully, so I hope to hear over the holiday or early next half-term when we can open school up to everyone. As always, as soon as we hear and receive guidance, we will update you.

Over the half term, we will not be setting any remote learning. After 6 weeks of home schooling, many parents and carers have commented on how much they are looking forward to the half-term break. So let's hope the weather is kind and we can all get outdoors (following the Covid rules of course!) to allow us all time to relax and recharge our batteries – we all deserve it!

Please enjoy the break, but remember the 'stay at home' message remains, as difficult as it is, and with half-term, the temptation to mix with others is perhaps greater.



Message from Early Years

This week has been an exciting week in Early Years. We have been continuing with our theme - 'Why is water wet?'.

We have completed lots of exciting activities such as designing, building and testing our own boats. Did your boat float or sink? We made our own weather patterns and described them. We have been weather reporters and recorded what the weather was like each day. We made under the sea pictures using bubble wrap printing as well as representing creatures using the blocks to print. During our writing sessions this week we have been learning all about internet safety and have even created our own how to keep safe posters. Mrs. Mullen was so impressed when I showed her the super posters that the children created both at home and in school.

Our theme for after half term is called 'Are Eggs Alive?' I wonder what this theme is going to be about? Can you guess?

A message from the Early Years Staff

We would like to thank you for all of your support this half term ☺ You have all been amazing with teaching your children and supporting the staff. We hope you have a wonderful and relaxing break.

This week in Nursery:



This week, the children enjoyed being in the snow again and were very busy making castles, mini snowmen and we even did some name writing using the natural resources.

We have continued our theme 'Why is Water Wet?' and this week we designed our own boats and then made them out of different materials we found in the classroom. The children chose plastic, wood, cardboard, straws and twigs to make their boats. We then launched them in a special ceremony to see which ones floated and which ones sank. We must be very good designers because most of them floated!

We have also been talking about saying safe on the internet. The children talked about telling an adult if they were unsure of something on their device such as a pop up, an advert or a message from a stranger. We designed our own internet safety posters and made sure we knew the rules about staying safe online.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a happy half term. We hope you have a well-deserved rest and you may even get some more snow to play in during the holiday!



This week in Reception

Our Reception children make us proud every week with their learning!

Take a look at this week's activities...



