

## **Early Years Talk-Talk**

## Friday 18th June 2021





## Message from Mrs Grainger

I am very aware that the vast majority of you are hugely supportive of the school and of the measures that we have taken during the pandemic to help keep all of our pupils, staff and families as safe as possible. I greatly appreciate those of you who continue to support the school in everything that we do.

I'm sure you will be aware of the Prime Minister's announcement and the extension to the current COVID-19 restrictions before moving to Step 4. Given that the delay is likely to be a further 4 weeks from 21st June this will take us up to 19th July. The 19th July is in the final week of the term and I will not be changing any of the measures that we have in place currently, for the final week.

The Prime Minister has added that: "The Government will monitor the position every day and if, after two weeks, the risk has diminished then Step 4 might proceed sooner." If this is to be the case, I will review the school's arrangements at this point. However, I think that it is highly likely that the measures we have in place will be with us for the rest of the term. The exception to this might be the Year 6 leavers performance, I will write to the parents and carers of these children directly next week.

Please continue to wear face coverings and maintain distance when on the school premises. It is important that we take responsibility and follow the Government guidelines even if our personal opinion differs from this. It is important that every parent and carer is respectful of each other and the teachers and other staff that work in the school. It is key that we all set the right example for our children.

I am hopeful that from September, we can return to greater normality but we will again be guided by the Government and will do what is required of us.

## Message from Early Years

What a fantastic week Early Years have had this week. We have been continuing learning about the ocean and the seaside.

We have been learning about lighthouses and why they are so important. We found out how lighthouses used to operate years ago and how they operate now. We have made our own lighthouses out of toilet roll tubes. Take a look at some of our pictures. Next week we will be making our bulbs light up by completing a circuit.

In maths this week, we have been continuing learning all about money. We have paid for items using coins including 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p and 20p.

In literacy this week, we have been continuing to read the story 'Whatever Next'. We have been learning all about story writing and have even started to write the story 'Whatever Next' using story language.

During our independent learning we have been using the musical instruments to make up our own songs and dances. We have enjoyed performing these to each other  $\odot$ 





This week, we have been talking about the seaside and enjoying the lovely weather outside. We made our own beach out of collage materials and set it up in the playground next to our beach shop. The children enjoyed taking their shoes and socks off and running through the water as well as taking the dolls for a paddle. The children pretended they were visiting the seaside on our outside train, and wrote tickets to give to the driver.

Indoors, we have been decorating fish, enjoying some magnetic fishing and printing shell shapes in the play dough.

The children have also been talking about the dangers of leaving litter on the beach and it ending up in the sea. We talked about what might happen if sea creatures ate our litter and the children came up with some fantastic answers. Next week we are going to use litter to make a poster to warn us about the dangers of dropping rubbish on the beach.

We have also been talking about the things that make us unique. We looked at the colour of our friends' eyes and hair and talked about the differences. We took some funny photos of us investigating each other's faces! Have a lovely weekend everyone.









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







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