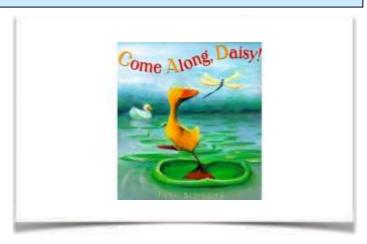
# **Early Years Talk-Talk**

# Friday 5th February 2021





### Message from Mrs Grainger

We continue to be grateful to you, our parent community, for your support and positivity. We all appreciate that for those of you who have your children at home full time, life is tough. The stresses, feelings of being pulled in every direction and trying to do your own work while helping your children with their work too is not easy - so thank you. We remain delighted at the learning we are seeing and we are incredibly grateful for your continued support. You are all doing a fantastic job.

You will have seen in the media that the Government has started to plan for a possible return to school. At this moment in time, 8th March is the date that is being suggested, provided that the vaccination programme continues to go as planned. I don't have any more information than this currently, and it is always the case that school hear the updates at the same time as the rest of the country does! I will update you about these plans when some more information is released but at least the return to school is hopefully on the horizon. We can't wait to get our school community back together again. Until the actual date for a return to school is confirmed, we will support all pupils and families with structured, balanced timetables of learning tasks and activities.

Please do ensure that you strike a balance between work-time and downtime, to get through this challenging period. Working in partnership with you is key. We are all in this together and realise from our own home experiences, we are under a lot of pressure and are really trying to do our very best! We'll get through this together by looking out for each other, sharing how we feel and being kind and generous.

#### Message from Early Years

This week we have started our new Theme 'Why is water wet?' We have been reading the story 'Come Along, Daisy!' We have been talking about how Daisy was feeling when she was lost. We have labelled winter clothes, investigated to see which objects would float and sink, exploring ice and describe what it feels like and talking about why it was melting, learning the song 'I hear thunder' as well as exploring the weather throughout the week, describing what is happening each day.

In maths, we have been exploring number within 15 - exploring one more and one less by using cubes and bead strings for counting.

Reminder: Please ensure all three highlighted challenges on the remote learning sheet are emailed back by Friday. Thank you ©

#### Message from Miss Morton

I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff, parents and children who all made my birthday so special this week. I was so surprised with all the birthday wishes, cards and gifts - it was so thoughtful and it is definitely a birthday I will not forget. The birthday videos from the children certainly brought a tear to my eye. Thank you ©

### February Half Term

Just a reminder that school will be closed over the half term break – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February with all remote learning ceasing during these 5 days as well.





This week in Nursery we have been continuing our new theme 'Why Is Water Wet'? We did an experiment to see which objects floated and sank. The children guessed which would sink and why. The children used vocabulary such as 'heaviest', 'lightest', and talked about different materials such as plastic, wood and metal.

We did some super writing about our book 'Come on Daisy', where we thought of describing words to talk about Daisy's feelings. The children are beginning to hear sounds in words and use the sound mat to identify them. We then made models of Daisy using the playdough.

As well as this, we have been matching the correct number of pegs to the numeral, and the children have been attempting this with larger numbers over 10.

It has been such a busy week!

Our star of the week goes to Charlie for thinking up some amazing adjectives in his writing and for improving every day with his name writing. Well done Charlie!







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





