

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week's theme has been 'The Natural World.' The children have learnt about The Arctic and The Antarctica, Bees, planting/growing, water and woodland leaves. Last week was World Bee Day, so we have talked about the importance of bees whilst drawing stripes, painting and connecting honeycomb numbers. The children enjoyed a story called The 'Bumblebear'. In Wild Learning the children made bees using pinecones and carefully wrapped yellow cotton around to make the stripes. Even though it was the hottest day of the year so far on Wednesday, at Flying Start we had a "chilly day." The children used hammers to smash up ice and experimented with dropping coloured water onto the giant ice blocks. On Thursday our theme was linked to 'Jasper's Beanstalk story' and we had beans and bulbs to count on the maths table. It was great fun to count out the beans, fill pots with them, pour them out, transport them somewhere else and tip them into something else!! You don't need plastic toys when you have a plant pot and beans, endless fun!! At carpet time on Friday, we reminded the children of Suzy Squirrel, who sits on the window ledge keeping an eye out to make sure the children are all making safe choices. When she spots something, she hops down, whispers in our ear and encourages the children to risk assess their play.

Song of the week: 'Lots of Minibeasts'

Makaton: Garden

Phonics

This week we introduced the letter 'n'. Please watch [this](#) video with the correct pronunciation of 'n', If you listen very carefully, you will hear that 'n' is pronounced holding the tongue at the front of the mouth and **NOT SAYING 'NUH'**. The children played the 'fishing net muddle' game and sorted the objects into things that start with the 'n' sound and things that don't. At home look for things that start with the sound 'n'. You could collect a few items and sort them into piles of things that start with s/a/t/p/i/n. If your child is ready, they can make a word and start to blend the sounds e.g. s-i-t/s-a-t/p-a-t/t-a-p/p-i-t/s-i-/p-i-n/p-a-n. You could write each letter we have learnt on pieces of paper (s/a/t/p/i/n) and pick different letters to blend and make words. You could stick them onto duplo pieces and put them together to make the word. [Here](#) is a YouTube video with some words to blend.

School Preparation

This week our school leavers have been focussing on identifying names, saying initial sounds, marking initial letters, turn taking and following instructions. We stuck the children's name cards onto the wall, called a child's name and they had to find the name. Sometimes, we only said the initial sound for them to find the name card. The children then practised marking the letter on large pieces of paper on the floor.

Dates to Remember:

Summer Term

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May

Half term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Tuesday 6th June - Thursday 20th July

Bank Holiday Monday 1st and Monday 8th May

INSET – Monday 5th June

Thurs 29th June – Farm Visit

Fri 30th June – Sports Day

Wed 5th July – Library Visit (School Leavers)

Thurs 20th July – 12pm finish and Graduation Picnic

Flying Start Preschool, Molesey

Mobile: 07976041790



Example of our lovely Wild Learning Play this week.

Sun Safety

Please see attached our Heatwave Policy.

- It is the parents' responsibility to apply Suncream before preschool.
- If you would like it topped up for the Wild Learning session, please supply suncream and let us know

Check Bags

Please clear out your child's bag and make sure spare clothes are suitable for the warmer weather.