

Dear Parents/Carers,

All week we have been celebrating the coronation of King Charles III. There have been lots of red, white and blue, castles crowns, jewels and photos and silhouettes of King Charles. The children especially enjoyed our role play palace on Thursday. They took it in turns to sit on the royal, gold throne and cooked up a special meal in the palace kitchen. Today the children enjoyed one of our favourite activities – painting to royal music. This is great to get children’s bodies moving to strengthen their muscles ready for writing. We’ve been talking with the children about the coronation on Saturday and what is going to happen. Rocco told his friends that the King is getting his crown and that he is in charge of the corgis. Our song of the week has been “If you’re a King and you know it...”

Phonics

This week we introduced the letter ‘t’. Please watch this video with the correct pronunciation of ‘t’ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ksblMiliA8> Avoid saying ‘tuh’, the sound is short and your tongue sits at the front of your mouth and your mouth doesn’t open. It’s helpful to use a mirror when practising sounds. Encourage children to repeat the sound and look at what their mouth does and where their tongue is. At home look for things that start with the sound ‘t’. Watch out for the tricky words like train (tr) and thumb (th), you can explain how they start with the letter t but have a different sound. You could collect up different objects that start with the sound s, a and t and see if your child can sort them. If your child is ready, they can make a word and start to blend the sounds e.g. s-a-t. Next week, we’ll be introducing the ‘p’ sound. Then the children can make the word t-a-p and p-a-t. If you’re ready for something messy – try squirting a bit of shaving foam on a tray and practise writing the letters.

School Preparation

During the week, our school leavers have been using scissors to cut paper in straight lines, zig zags and waves. This provides an opportunity to improve fine motor skills as well as developing their muscles and precision. Using scissors is a key skill for school.



Closures

Bank Holidays

Monday 8th May

Inset Day

We are closed after half term on Monday 5th June

The King’s Coronation

The children looked fantastic in their red, white and blue today. We enjoyed a coronation cupcake for snack and have played some party games to celebrate.

We wish you all a wonderful long weekend.

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

Weds 5th July – Sports Day

Thurs 29th June – Farm Visit

Thurs 20th July – 12pm finish and Graduation Picnic

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Messages:

Please cut up choking hazards! Every day we cut up something in the children’s lunch boxes. This includes **BLUEBERRIES!**

We are a smoke free premises and that includes vaping.

Please do not send your children into preschool in pull up nappies or pack them as spares. It takes longer to change a nappy as we have to remove all of the clothing, including shoes to change pull ups.

Thank you.