



## Newsletter 12.06.26

### Dear Reception Families,

What a fantastic few weeks we have had in EYFS! The children have been busy exploring, creating, performing and learning through lots of exciting activities.

We have begun our new topic all about Africa. The children have enjoyed finding out where Africa is in the world, learning about the weather and climate, and discovering some of the amazing animals that live in the African savannah.

Our creative activities have included making beautiful sunset savannah pictures, designing colourful African masks, and watching traditional African mask dancing. The children were fascinated by the different movements, patterns and colours used in the performances.

Our focus text has been *The Ugly Five* by Julia Donaldson. This wonderful story introduces readers to five African animals who may not be considered traditionally beautiful but are loved by their babies just the same.

The children particularly enjoyed exploring the rhyming language throughout the story and spotting words that rhyme. Inspired by the book, they then wrote their own animal riddles, carefully choosing clues to describe an animal of their choice. We loved seeing how creative and thoughtful their descriptions were!





## Newsletter 12.06.26

### cont.....

In Maths, we have been working hard on ordering numbers to 20 and developing our confidence when recognising and sequencing numbers. We have also been practising our number formation, taking great care to form each numeral correctly.

The children have shown fantastic perseverance and are becoming much more confident with their numbers every day.

We were delighted to make another visit to the church, where the children took part in three exciting craft activities linked to the Bible story of Peter and the cockerel.

The children learned about how Peter, one of Jesus' friends, became frightened and said three times that he did not know Jesus. Just as Jesus had predicted, a cockerel crowed after the third denial. The story helps children explore themes of friendship, forgiveness and making mistakes.

During our visit, the children enjoyed taking part in three creative activities making a rocking cockerel using a paper plate, creating a colourful cockerel from a paper cup, producing detailed observational drawings of cockerels.

The children loved the hands on activities and showed great creativity and concentration throughout the session. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Bible story in an engaging and memorable way, and they were very proud of the fantastic creations they brought back to school.





## Newsletter 12.06.26

**cont.....**

We were also lucky enough to welcome two musicians from the West Berkshire Chamber Orchestra. They treated us to a fantastic concert featuring a variety of musical styles and genres.

The children learned about different instruments and had the opportunity to see and hear a tuba and a clarinet being played live. They also joined in with some fun rhythm games, using their listening skills and keeping the beat with great enthusiasm.

It was a wonderful musical experience and the children thoroughly enjoyed every minute!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Crick









## Newsletter 12.06.26

### Hello from F1

We hope you all had a lovely week off. It has been lovely listening to all of the children's adventures from over half term.

The week before we broke up, we read The Gingerbread Man, and our nursery rhyme was Pat-a-Cake. The children enjoyed making their own ginger smelling dough and using biscuit cutters to make gingerbread men shapes. They experimented with how much of each ingredient they needed to make the dough, so it was the right consistency.

A few of the children enjoyed doing balance ability with Sam down on the bike track and they all loved planting plants and vegetables in our new growing area.

We learnt about the Jewish holiday of Shavuot; this commemorates the divine giving of the Torah to the Jewish people at Mount Sinai. and to help celebrate the children made a very delicious cheesecake. They mashed up digestive biscuits and poured melted butter after Mrs Griffin melted it in the microwave. They all got a turn at pouring cream onto cream cheese which Miss Hine whisked the mixture into a delicious topping for the biscuit base. Some of the children also got to taste avocado and pineapple. They had mixed reviews!





## Newsletter 12.06.26

**cont.....**

Our first week back and our story was The Very Hungry Caterpillar, and our nursery rhyme was a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf.

We learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly and how a caterpillar changes. This helped with our art activities of butterfly symmetry painting and potato caterpillar printing. The children loved watching the 'magic' of their butterflies being created after folding over their paper.

To honour our story, we made fruit kebabs. The children all had a go at cutting the fruit up and carefully put it on their wooden skewers. The children also made a giant caterpillar head and stuck it to a box so they could 'feed' him different foods.

As the weather hasn't been as kind since returning to school, we got our wet suits and boots on, took some hand soap out and made very bubbly puddles by jumping up and down.

The children have also been looking at weight and things that are heavy. They were all very good at recognising things that weighed more than others.



# Term 6



## Newsletter 12.06.26

**cont.....**

Just a gentle reminder that all children should be coming into nursery with water in their drinking bottles

As the weather is getting hotter now, please could you ensure that your child has suncream on when they come into school as well as in their bags and that they have a named sunhat too.

We also ask that several sets of spare named clothes are in your child's bag in case of accidents, if it gets hot/cold or if they get messy/wet.

Thank you for your continued support  
Mrs Griffin, Miss Hine and Mrs Kumar





