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## PRE-SCHOOL SPRING NEWS



We have had a fun filled first half term back after our Christmas break. We have welcomed Bethany, Harry, Alice, Koa and Brody to Pre-School and they have settled in very well. It has been really lovely to see all of the current children welcome the new children and show their friendly, caring sides.

The children have made excellent progress this half term and are continuing to try their best in everything that they do. Their name writing is becoming much neater, they are remembering lots of the letter sounds, they are beginning to do their own zips on their coats and put their school hats on at the end of the day too. The Pre School 2 children have also begun to take home a reading book each week.

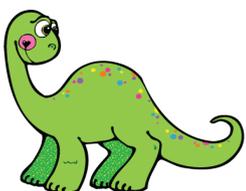


Pre-School have enjoyed learning all about winter this half term. We have learnt about how the weather changes in winter and experienced the winter weather on a Pre-School snow day. Playing outside in the garden was very exciting. We had snowball fights, built a snow penguin and then had a waddle race, just like the penguins do. Our Creative and Critical Thinking Day enabled us to do some winter based experiments where we needed to do lots of problem solving. The children needed to release some Arctic animals from a frozen iceberg and also learnt how Arctic animals stay warm in the icy cold conditions. All of the children were very engaged and really enjoyed the day.

We have also learnt about and celebrated Chinese New Year. The Pre-School children joined up with the KG children to perform an assembly to the rest of the school. We performed dragon dances, sang a Chinese New Year song and told the story of the animal race. We also made some pigs using our handprints as 2019 is the year of the pig. We ended our Chinese New Year celebrations with a Chinese New Year party. KG joined Pre-school and together we tasted Chinese food and learnt about how the New Year can be celebrated around the world.

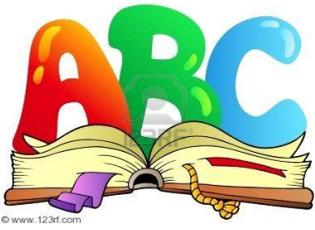
新年快樂

Happy Chinese New Year



I hope that you have a wonderful half term break and look forward to welcoming you all back when we will be learning all about dinosaurs!

## KINDERGARTEN SPRING NEWS



Another term has flown by and we have been extremely busy in the KG classroom. The children have continued to progress with their reading, they are becoming more familiar with the cursive style of writing and have learnt to add and subtract single digit numbers.

### Space and Beyond

We have had a really fun time, this term, learning about space and beyond. The children got very involved in this topic and have enjoyed it a lot. We have learnt about the planets in the solar system, the phases of the moon, space travel, aliens and astronauts.

The children have created a new planet for the solar system and written about it. They have designed space rockets and used junk modelling materials to make them. On Creative and Critical Thinking Day they tasted space food and investigated how Astronauts eat in space. We have also explored 3D shape and counted down from 20 to 0 to blast off into space. Thank you to all parents for working with your child to complete the moon diary. Unfortunately I did not pick the best nights to set the homework, as it was so cloudy, the moon wasn't visible, but the children still learnt a valuable lesson, that we can look up information on the computer, as well as in books.



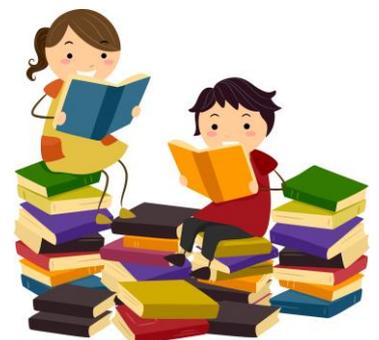
### Trip to the Planetarium

To continue to develop the children's understanding of space and the solar system, we visited The World Museum, Liverpool, to watch the Astronaut George Show, in the Planetarium. We learnt about the order of the planets in the solar system. Astronaut George took us on a trip around the solar system. He blasted off from Earth in his rocket and visited each of the planets, but didn't stay long, because there was no air, no water and no friends to talk to or play with.



### Trip to Woodchurch Library

Unfortunately our trip to Woodchurch Library was cancelled, because of the snow. Although we missed out on our trip we still had lots of fun playing in the snow and building a snowman. Our next trip to the Library will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.



## Next Half-Term

Our theme will be People Who Help Us. We will be learning about the roles of Doctors, Nurses, Firefighters, Police Officers, Parents and Friends. Any parents who would like to visit the classroom to talk about their jobs or their role as a parent, would be made very welcome. Please speak to Miss Orme, if you would be interested in doing this.



We will continue to focus upon reading, encouraging the children to work words out for themselves by segmenting them and blending back together and learning keywords.

We will also continue to develop the cursive writing style. The children will be encouraged to write words as they hear them and in maths continue to add, subtract, double and halve.



We are looking forward to our trip to Birkenhead Fire Station on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Further details will follow nearer the time.

We will again celebrate World Book Day, which falls on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, this year. We will be dressing up as characters from our favourite Julia Donaldson Book and taking part in related activities.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

"Happy birthday to you,  
Happy birthday to you,  
Happy birthday dear children,  
Happy birthday to you".  
Hip, Hip, Hooray

The following children have had or will be having lots of fun whilst celebrating their birthdays over the Spring term:

### **Pre-School**

Olivia Anderson  
Koa Chan  
Martha Dewhurst  
Amber Dyer  
Sofia Mullin  
James Newstone

### **Kindergarten**

Isabella Dillon-Hercules  
Olwen Frowe



**There are lots of exciting events taking place**  
**so please make a note in your diaries.**



Thu	28/03/19	Judging of Science Projects
Fri	01/03/19	Judging of Science Projects
Thu	07/03/19	World Book Day, come to school dressed as your favourite character from a book
Sat	02/03/19	Open Morning 10.00am - 12.30pm
Mon	04/03/19	3.30pm Book Fair in the school hall - all week
Thur	07/03/19	Science Assembly for all pupils of the school
Mon	11/03/19	KG trip to Birkenhead Fire Station
Mon	18/03/19	Finals of Poetry Recital Competition (KG - Year 6)
Mon	18/03/19	Pre-School & Kindergarten Parents' Evening
Wed	20/03/19	K.G. trip to Woodchurch Library
Wed	20/03/19	MUFTI Day - children to come to school wearing their own clothes in exchange for chocolate for the Easter Eggstravaganza
Wed	20/03/19	Pre-School & Kindergarten Parents' Evening
Fri	22/03/19	6.00pm - 7.30pm Easter Eggstravaganza
Wed	27/03/19	Pre-School Spring Walk in The Arno
Thur	28/03/19	PPS Musical Afternoon in the School Hall (for children who have individual music lessons)
Fri	29/03/19	School Finishes for Spring Break

**We are looking forward to new and exciting challenges during the second half of the Spring term.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

