

School News

This week we have been doing lots of learning connected to working as part of a team. On Monday we were visited by 'Taneesha Teamwork' who works with Commando Joe. They discussed what it means to work together as part of a team and the children have been re-inforcing this with various games and problem solving activities. We have continued to support the children on their transition to school in activities such as self serving items from a home made canteen and carrying their food safely to their table along with getting our socks and shoes back on, fastening buttons and fixing any inside out clothing.



Message from Federation Leaders

We are always striving to improve and refine what we do at Heath Lane Nursery School so that we can provide excellent provision for the children in our care. We invest in visits from experts in the local authority to offer external view. We are delighted to share that we received incredibly positive feedback from the visit to Nursery! We look forward to sharing key points from the report when we receive the report.



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Curriculum - Why we do what we do - Potion Laboratory

What we do in school:

Our 'Potion Laboratory' is always a busy area outdoors. It is also an area where we see a range of learning taking place! Our laboratory stimulates children's imagination as they create a range of potions. They develop their fine motor control through pouring, stirring, crushing, mixing and sprinkling ingredients. Mixing different substances offers the chance to explore the properties of liquids and solids, to predict outcomes and to experiment with natural resources; what better introduction to many scientific concepts!

Potion making often involves 'ingredients' of different textures, colours, and smells, providing rich sensory experiences. By placing our potion labs in prominent parts of the outdoor area children are encouraged to work collaboratively; waiting for equipment, sharing ingredients, negotiating next steps and discussing ideas- all important skills for building relationships.

Creating their own "potions" allows children to express their creativity and take pride in their creations. This boosts their confidence and encourages them to try new things and experiment without fear of failure.

How to help at home

- Why not create your own potion experience at home? You do not need expensive resources; an old pan, bowls, some spoons, maybe a whisk? Then suggest the following 'ingredients'; leaves, mud, twigs, petals, stones...and watch the magic happen!



Reminders / Information

STORYTELLER

Our own in house Author Natalie shared her experiences of her journey to becoming a published author with the children and read their book of choice 'Max and Maude's Powerful Potions' to them. They had lots of fun asking Natalie questions about the characters in the book.



The children have been using their imaginations to innovate the story 'We're Going On a Lion Hunt' into a new version of their own by changing key characters and/or the settings. Ask your child about their group's story!

STORY SACKS/BUSY FINGER PACKS

Please make sure you return all story sacks and/or busy finger packs and their contents together with any other Nursery items before the end of term.

SUMMER CELEBRATION- FRIDAY 19TH OF JULY

We are looking forward to celebrating a wonderful year of learning with you and your child/ren on Friday! Please be reminded that the nursery gates will open at 3:00pm and you can collect your child and explore the activities on offer together. For those that are not in session on Friday, we welcome you to come back to join in the fun!

If you are unable to collect until the end of the session (3:30 pm) **please email** the office to let us know so that we can plan provision for these children until the end of the session. There will be **no after school club** on this day.



DATES;

- Electric Umbrella are visiting us: 28th June, 5th July, 12th July and 18th July.
- End of term celebration - Friday 19th July 3pm.
- Last day of term; Friday 19th July.



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