

School News



This week in Nursery we have in our Talk for Writing, all been immersing ourselves in the book of “Hairy McClary”. This has included two special visits on Thursday of staff dogs. We had lots of very interesting questions to ask about their care, what they like, how to look after them and also, always checking with an adult before approaching or touching a dog that you do not know. We have also had the opportunity to test our taste buds by trying a variety of different dairy and non-dairy food items. It has been a very busy week this week despite unfortunately having a high number of absences due to chickenpox.

Message from Federation Leaders

Welcome back to the last half of the summer term! As you will know we have been experiencing some very variable weather recently! However, we just want to inform you that we base our decision on whether to put sun lotion on the children in the afternoon based on UV ratings. Please continue to put lotion on your child before their session, no matter what the weather looks like. This will ensure that in the event of the UV ratings rising children will be safe until we apply a second lot after lunch. Thank you!



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Curriculum - Why we do what we do - Looking after animals

What we do at school:

One of our curriculum principles is to give all children the opportunity to look after animals. We provide many first hand experiences with animals across the year; the children have an African land snail to care for, they watch a caterpillar evolve into a butterfly, they experience chicks/ducklings hatching and we have an onsite farm visit booked for next week!



We believe that these experiences support children to develop empathy and compassion. They learn to understand and respond to the needs of another living being, fostering a sense of kindness and concern for others. Taking care of animals requires regular feeding, and attention, which teaches children about responsibility. Our children also gain a hands-on understanding of growth and life cycles and our aim is that these experiences will inspire a lifelong respect for wildlife and a desire to protect natural habitats.



How you can support at home:

- Take your children to wildlife areas, local ponds and on minibeast hunts to find animals in their natural habitats.
- Discuss the needs of your own pets / the pets of friends and visit them regularly.



Sign of the Week

At the Nursery we teach all children to sign. This supports communication and ensures the communication of all children is valued.

This week's sign is: “hot“



For hot food
make sign
from mouth

hot (feeling hot)

Ask any staff member to show you if you are unsure.

Reminders / Information

FAREWELL

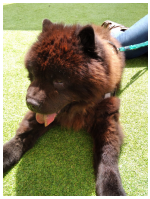
Paul our caretaker/site manager will be retiring on his birthday next Friday 14th June. Paul has worked at Heath Lane since December 2018 in a very diverse role from cleaning, fixing, keeping us all safe with his daily inspections etc. We would like to thank Paul for his dedication over the last 5 and a half years and wish him all the best in his retirement.



SECRET STORYTELLER

We will be putting clipboards out for each of the key groups next week. If you fancy being a secret storyteller for your child's group then please sign up. It is a lovely surprise for the children in the group.

ARK FARM & DOG VISIT

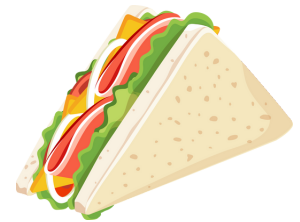


We will be having Ark Farm come in to visit us on Monday afternoon, bringing with them a variety of smaller farm animals. This week we were lucky to have been visited by two dogs which belong to staff.



FUDGE DAY

Next week we will be making savoury treats for all of the special people in our lives (Father/Uncle/Dad/Grandad/Every other special adult). Please look out for your goodie bag at the end of next week.



DATES;

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



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