

# Celebrating Juniper class!



**Term:**

Spring 2

*Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term break.*

In Juniper class, we are moving onto our new class story—'Oi Frog'. This story contains lots of rhyming phrases which we will enjoy exploring over the next 6 weeks, including a multi-sensory exploration of our main topic 'In the Garden'.



We are enjoying sharing books with colourful semantics symbols.

Some of us have been using fives frames to put one item in each box in Maths when counting.



We have been applying our functional core words through using games, Makaton and core boards.

**Communication and Language-** We have enjoyed daily core word sessions using Makaton, symbols and games to consolidate our learning when building on our understanding of one key word sentences.

**Phonics and Love of Reading** - We have been focusing on developing our understanding of differentiating different environmental sounds, instrumental sounds and body percussion. We have really enjoyed Dough Disco to prepare us for mark making in these sessions.

**Maths** — We have been working on posting activities and beginning to develop our understanding of 1:1 correspondence, which we will now explore using maths manipulatives.

**Personal, social and emotional development**—We have been very helpful at mealtimes, tidying away our own rubbish and helping to set up tables for snack. We are also excited about gathering together as a group and enjoying parachute games collectively.

## WOW moments:

Juniper class are all working together to tidy away after mealtimes. They are placing items in the bin when finished with, and dishes in the bowl ready for washing up. They are tidying away their own bottles and beginning to use their placemats to communicate when they are wanting 'more' snack, 'different' snack or are finished. Well done Juniper class!

## Developing our skills (Physical Development)



We have been working on catching different sized balls and will be working on throwing through turn-taking opportunities this half term. We have become increasingly independent with catching!



We have been enjoying using various tools to make marks, such as paint sticks and messy play.

## Community involvement/British Values

We enjoyed a visit from staff from the Lost Gardens of Heligan, who shared a story linked to the great outdoors. We loved getting stuck into the muddy tuff trays, digging for bulbs and replanting them alongside some peers in other classes.

We have also attended to an introduction to Yoga with our peers from Oak class. This was lots of fun, finding different ways to move our body and to regulate.



# Reminders!



## Upcoming events!

Coffee and Communication afternoon 2pm 6th March All parents welcome.

Comic Relief/Down Syndrome Day—21st March

Lower School Spring outing—TBC

Spring Country Show—4th April

## The class team..

Juniper class is made up of teacher; Victoria, teaching assistants; Zoe, Rachel and Soraia and midday supervisor Teesh. We also have Nikki is covering Victoria's PPA time in the week. Stephanie also works in Juniper across some sessions during the week.

You may see our names in the diary from time to time!

## Next steps in our learning...

In Phonics, we will continue to focus on environmental sounds. We will have opportunities to explore a sound of the week through play.

In Maths, we will be working on developing our understanding of 1:1 resources using manipulatives.

We are applying new core words in a variety of contexts using Makaton and symbols.

## Don't forget...

PE - is on a Friday morning - please send in a PE kit on a Monday.

Swimming - is on Tuesdays and Thursday, please send in a swimming kit on a Monday.

Outdoor learning/break times—please ensure your child has a coat as the weather changes

Snacks- Please remember to provide your child with snacks daily or on a Monday for the week.

Home communication book - Please check these daily for any daily updates/reminders.



For updates, information and useful contacts, please check our school website and Facebook pages.



We look forward to seeing you at our Coffee and Communication session soon!