

Celebrating Juniper Class



Term:

Spring 2

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

In Juniper class, last term we learnt about the topic 'Weather' and this half term we are learning about the topic 'Animals'. We have explored rain for most of this half term, reusing rain water for water play, jumping in puddles, mixing cornflour and foam into rain water and running in the rain! We would love to share with you some of the amazing work we did before half term.

In Juniper Class, we have been practising scissor skills with both playdough and paper. We have been learning about how to keep ourselves safe when using them.



We have been enjoying all weathers as part of our topic, especially jumping in puddles!

We have been trialling RISE sessions and have enjoyed being invited to a motivating group.



PD - We have been taking part in weekly yoga sessions with peers from Oak and Hazel class which has enabled us to follow a sequence and engage with self-regulation strategies.

CLL - We have been embedding vertical schedule strips to engage in independent access to familiar routines. We are accessing different core boards within the wider school environment to request more of something or to engage in simple conversations.

PSED—We have been enjoying RISE sessions to promote sustained shared attention alongside peers. We have seen a huge increase in intrinsic motivation to engage with low demand approaches. Learners have been working on independent self-help skills through personal care.

Maths — We have been working on early counting principles, such as 1:1 correspondence and matching items to identical items. Some learners are beginning to recognise quantities without counting (subitising).

Developing our skills



We have been practising ball skills, such as bounce pass or rolling with accuracy. We have enjoyed working on our core and balancing.



We have been working on lots of colour sorting, mixing and matching this half term through many multi-sensory approaches. We particularly enjoy using the light box to explore this concept!

Community involvement/British Values



We been working on our turn taking skills and sharing resources with our peers in the community.



We enjoyed the bus journey and playing at the park with friends and our parents who joined us. Thank you so much for coming!

WOW moments:

We are so proud of every single learner in Juniper class who went on the park trip with Hazel and Oak and were able to keep themselves safe and have some lovely interactions with peers they wouldn't normally play with. Well done Juniper class!

WOW!

Reminders!



Upcoming events!

Spring Show—27th March
Red Nose Day / Cake Sale—20th March
World Book Day
ZooLAB Visit—30th March

The class team..

Juniper class is made up of teacher; Victoria, teaching assistants; Jane, Steph, Fiona, and midday supervisor, Donna. We also have Rebecca covering Victoria's PPA time every other week on a Friday. You may see our names in the diary from time to time!

Next steps in our learning...

This half term we will be continuing to work on embedding routines and expectations as well as promoting independence in all areas of learning and self-help skills.

In Phonics, we will focus on the environmental sounds through a multi-sensory approach (RISE).

Juniper class will continue to work on their recognition of numbers, counting skills, shapes and space.

We will continue with our core word of the week group sessions, promoting communication skills and exposure to key vocabulary and signs.

We are pushing to promote learning in areas outside the classroom linked to areas such as communication, PSED and shared social experiences with adults and peers.

Don't forget...

PE - is on a Friday mornings - please send in a PE kit.

Swimming - is on Thursdays please ensure swimming kit is sent in on Monday.

Outdoor learning/break times—please ensure your child has wellies, wet-play kits and /or a rain jacket as we will be accessing outdoor play regardless of weather. These can stay at school to ease of access.

Snacks- Please remember to provide your child with snacks daily as we have 2 snack times within the day.

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.



Imaginative Play

We love dressing up as our favourite characters, especially superheroes!