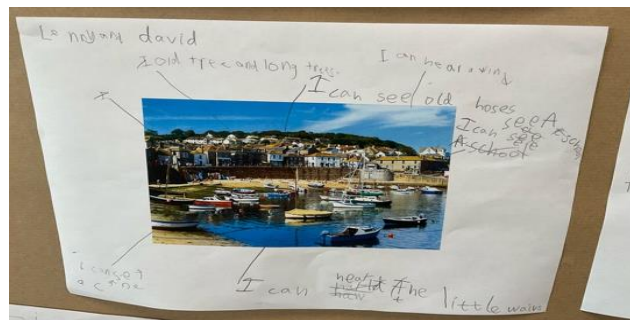
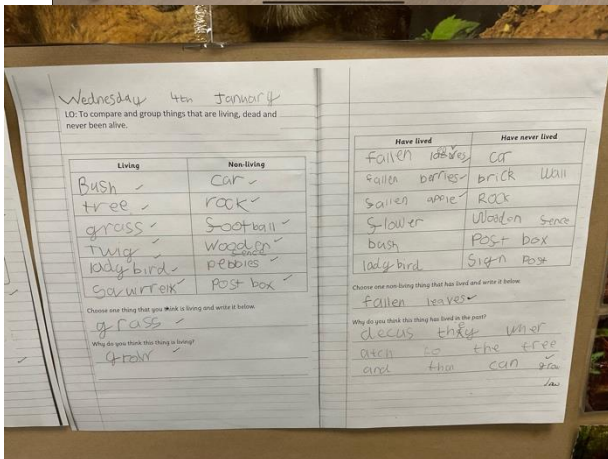


Look what we have been up to this half term



Competition

February's House competition- Drama

What does our face tell us about how we feel?

Have a think about all the different feelings you have during your day at school - some days, there are so many ways we can feel starting from the moment we get up in the morning until the time we go to bed at night.

For this month's competition, make a mask showing one of the emotions from the list:

Anger, Fear, Happiness, Sadness, Surprise, Frustration

Use anything you like to decorate your mask but make it as colourful and expressive as possible. Make sure to write your name, class and which emotion you have chosen on the back and hand your entries into your teacher by Tuesday 28th February



Naming items

Please can you check your child's jumpers, cardigans and clothing and make sure they are labelled. We have noticed that lots of names have started to wash off and labels have fallen out. Thank you

World book day Thursday 2nd March

To celebrate world book day, we are inviting the children to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. If you need any help or ideas, please speak to your class teacher.

Snack time

All children in nursery to year 2 are entitled to free fruit. Children are welcome to bring in an extra snack for the afternoon session. This can be fruit, bread sticks, rice cakes etc. please do not provide your child with sweet treats or crisps.



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Box modelling

We would be very grateful for any of the following that you can offer:

- Boxes, not too big. The biggest boxes we like are cereal boxes.
- Plastic bottle tops
- Yoghurt pots, butter tubs and other plastic containers
- Toilet roll tubes
- Egg boxes

Request for tissues

We are running very short of tissues for use in the classroom. Please help us by donating a box of tissues – thank you.

School trip

On Wednesday 24th May learners from year R,1 and 2 will be invited to attend a school trip to Woburn Safari Park. This trip will include the coach, zoo entrance, tour guide and educational workshop. We are estimating that the trip will cost between £21-£25. More information will follow soon.

We will also need several volunteers to help us on the school trip, you will be able to sign up for this when the tickets go on sale.

Where possible, packed lunches should include:

- One portion of pasta salad, sandwich, bread roll or pitta bread.
- Cooked meat or boiled egg as a filling in a sandwich.
- One portion of fruit and vegetables e.g. carrot/cucumber sticks, cherry tomatoes, apple, banana etc.
- One portion of yoghurt or cheese.
- One drink water or a sugar free juice.

We also recommend children eat fruit or yoghurt as their pudding choice. However, cereal bars, raisins or **one** chocolate bar can be eaten.



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Examples of a good packed lunch

Example 1-

Ham/cheese/egg/pasta/jam/tuna Sandwich

Yoghurt

Apple/grapes/banana

Small chocolate bar.



Example 2-

Pasta pot

Cheese square

Carrot sticks

Cereal bar



Please do not provide nuts, Nutella or anything containing nuts. We have some children with severe nut allergies.

Advice on grape cutting



Nursery

Ready for reception

Is your child ready for primary school?



When your child starts primary school there are a number of skills that they should ideally have mastered. Use this sheet as a guide to help track their progress.

Self-care

- I know when to wash my hands
- I can wipe my nose
- I can ask for help if I don't feel well

Speaking & literacy

- I am interested in reading stories & looking at picture books
- I am able to talk about myself, my needs & feelings
- I am practising recognising my name when it's written down

Getting dressed & undressed on my own

- I can button & unbutton my clothes
- I can put my own shoes & socks on
- I can put my coat on & use a zip

Interest in the world & new activities

- I enjoy learning about the world around me
- I am interested in exploring new activities or environments
- I like asking questions

Eating

- I can use a knife & fork
- I can open my packed lunch on my own
- I am confident at opening wrappers & packaging

Writing skills

- I like tracing patterns & colouring in
- I enjoy experimenting with different shaped scribbles
- I am practising holding a pencil

Going to the toilet

- I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly & flush
- I can wash & dry my hands without any help

Independence

- I am happy to be away from my mummy, daddy or my main carer
- I am happy to tidy my belongings & look after my things
- I am feeling confident about starting school

Listening & understanding

- I am able to sit still and listen for a short while
- I can follow instructions
- I understand the need to follow rules

Sharing & turn taking

- I can share toys & take turns
- I can play games with others
- I can interact with other children

Counting skills

- I enjoy practising counting objects
- I like saying number rhymes & playing counting games
- I can recognise some numbers when they are written down

Routines

- I have practised putting on my uniform & getting ready to leave on time
- I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for school
- I'm learning to eat at the times I will on school days





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Nappies or pants

As a team we are happy to support you and your child as they begin their toilet training. We have noticed recently that some children are wearing pull ups. Changing a nappy can be done quickly without taking clothes off. A child in a pull up will need to have all their clothing removed from the waist down including shoes, in order to put a new pull up on.

When you feel ready to toilet train your child, we would ask that you put the child in pants/ knickers. In the meantime please can your child wear a nappy instead of a pull up.

Nursery trip

During the summer term we will be going on a teddy's bear picnic to our local park. We will provide more information nearer the time.