

Sylvester Primary Academy

Early Years Newsletter

Spring Term- 21st March 2025



Nursery Class

This week our older children have been learning about capacity and have enjoyed plenty of water and mud kitchen play, filling and emptying various containers and bottles. Our focus language has been 'full', 'empty', 'nearly full', 'nearly empty' and 'half full'. Our younger children have been sorting and matching for colour as well as developing their fine motor skills using tweezers to pick up pom poms! As part of our Spring theme the sand area has become a garden centre with pots, trowels, seeds, toy minibeasts and flowers for the children to use. In the craft area we enjoyed some messy play and used our hands and fingers to print flowers, leaves and bugs onto a large piece of paper...it covered the entire table!

Home Activity Idea: Help your child to develop their understanding of capacity. Enjoy some water play together filling and emptying containers. This type of activity will also support motor skills development too!

Reception Class

This week in Maths we have been learning about and exploring 3D shapes including cylinders, cubes, cuboids, pyramids and spheres. The children have enjoyed using these shapes to create prints and then went on a shape hunt to spot shapes in the environment. In English we have been exploring the natural environment. We went on a Nature walk and collected materials for a feely bag. We then wrote sentences about how it felt. Today we have said a sad goodbye to our ducklings. We have loved observing them and taking care of them.

Key Dates:

Nursery Stay and Play is on Monday 31st March: 1-3pm. Letters have been distributed with all the details.

Easter Break: School closes on Tuesday 8th April at 1.15pm. There will be no afternoon nursery session on this day. Nursery will return to school on WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL. Please note that this is different to the rest of the school due to staff completing home visits for new children starting nursery.

Reception Class- Singing Hands Assembly for Parents – Monday 31st March 2.30pm

Reminders:

We will be moving Snack Money donations to online, if you could please start paying for this using Parent Pay we will be very grateful. Parents can have the option of paying weekly or in advance for a term etc. If you require any help with this please speak to the school office who can support. Thanks