



Early Years Update

Spring Term 2nd half - Week 1

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. The weather is beginning to feel a little more Spring-like and the children have returned to school with a real 'spring' in their step!

'Muddy Monday' is continuing, with children making their own mud 'paint' to paint their own pictures, and they even started to paint the trees... not pictures of the trees, but the actual trees!

After spending some time going through every Childs Learning Journey, our observations have determined the focus for this term. We will be looking at weighing and measuring, money and time, and writing our numbers. This week our focus was on weighing a range of fruits and predicting the 'heaviest' and 'lightest', then testing our predictions using weighing scales, and ordering the fruit in order, from heaviest to lightest.

We have started our 'Have a Go' writing books this week. Each child has their own book. Although the children will have free access to these books, they understand that all writing in them has to be the best quality that they are capable of... a challenge which most have risen to admirably! We have also used the books in our focus writing sessions, and children seem to be very enthusiastic to be writing.

We have been recapping on our current Phonic Knowledge this week and working on consolidating this knowledge before moving on to new Phonemes.

We have an assembly on **Tuesday March 8th**, where the Reception children will be presenting their Spring themed work to parents who wish to attend, and the rest of the school. Be prepared to be subjected to new songs over the coming week! A Parent Mail invite should be coming out shortly...

The Caterpillars have returned to school very well, and have been extending their counting skills, fine and gross motor work in Funky Fingers and Dough Gym, and working on their observation skills during whole group games.