

Correspondent Article July 2024

Term 6 is upon us! We welcome Seth to Cabin this term.

As we embark on this exciting transition term, we have a lot to prepare for the changes ahead. Our little Acorns are getting ready for the big move to primary school, with visits and playtimes already booked to help them settle in.

We're keeping our fingers crossed for a bit more sunshine to enjoy the various events lined up for this term.

First, a Father's Day and grown ups special lunch, to celebrate all the wonderful parents in our community, followed by The Woodcote Primary School the *Big Summer Bounce* formerly known as the Summer Fair, this event promises lots of fun and activities for everyone.

Then we'll take our annual Trip to Bucklebury Park Farm which is a favourite tradition and is always a highlight of the year, and lastly, our special Leavers Party where we extend a heartfelt farewell to our leavers, marking the end of the term and a well-earned rest for all our hardworking staff.

This term, our focus has been on the delightful tales of Oliver's Vegetables, Handa's Surprise, Jack and the Beanstalk, Monkey Puzzle, and The Growing Story. These stories have been the perfect springboard for our Growing theme, where we've explored the fascinating worlds of plants, animals, and human growth.

Our activities have included healthy eating discussions where we've talked about the importance of a balanced diet and how different foods help us grow strong and healthy. Exploring vegetables and fruits where the children had a hands-on experience with a variety of vegetables and fruits, learning about their benefits and enjoying a taste test. Each child planted their own vegetable or flower seeds, learning about the lifecycle of plants and the care they need to grow. We've had a lot of fun learning new songs and rhymes about food, making our lessons both educational and entertaining.

These activities have not only enriched our understanding of growth but also brought a lot of joy and excitement into our learning environment. We're thrilled with the progress the children have made!

In our recent activities centered around Monkey Puzzle, we have been learning about animals at different stages of their lives. The children have been exploring the similarities and differences between baby animals and their grown-up counterparts and learning the vocabulary to describe these characteristics.

In addition to this, we had engaging discussions about their future aspirations where the children shared what they want to be when they grow up, sparking their imagination and ambition. We talked about the ages of different family members, helping the children understand the concept of aging and development. And we categorized people into different age groups: infants, toddlers, children, teenagers, adults, and the elderly, to better understand the stages of human life.

These activities have provided a comprehensive understanding of growth and development, making our learning journey both informative and enjoyable.

Our focus colours have been gold, green, pink, and blue. In phonics, we have been working on blending and segmenting sounds, exploring alliteration, and practicing different voice sounds. The older children have also been learning the initial sound of their names and practicing reading and writing them.

Every day, we learn about numbers, counting, and measurements. The children have been exploring volume, weight, colours, and shapes, with our math area changing each week to cover a new and exciting topic. Our dynamic approach ensures that learning is always fresh and engaging, helping the children develop a strong foundation in both literacy and numeracy skills.

We've been nurturing a variety of plants in recycled milk cartons, and our efforts are paying off! Along our fence, you can see carrots, sweet peas, mint, mesembryanthemums, and mangetout thriving. Some of these plants have even found new homes in pots and our school's front garden.

In another exciting project, the children observed tiny caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies. This incredible journey culminated in a joyful release during the last week of May. It has been a truly amazing learning experience for everyone involved.

These activities have not only taught the children about growth and transformation but have also fostered a deeper connection with nature.

Our recent culinary project had us working together to make delicious lemonade, which we enjoyed with our afternoon snack. The children showed bravery and curiosity as they tried a variety of different fruits and vegetables, broadening their taste horizons and learning about healthy eating.

In PE, we geared up for Sports Day by learning about games with rules, using different types of equipment, and practicing athletics.

Each session starts with a warmup and ends with a cool down. The children are taught to notice the changes in their bodies, such as an increased heart rate, feeling out of breath, and warming up after exercise. These lessons are not only fun but also help them understand the importance of physical activity and how it affects their bodies.

Our Sports Day took place on the Primary School field during the last week of Term 5, and it was wonderful to see so many families come out to support the little ones. The children absolutely loved the event! The children competed in two groups. Little Acorns, those leaving us to move on to big school and Sprouts, the younger ones who will be with us again next year.

The races included playing a colour-matching game with hoops and bean bags, racing with wheelies, and running forwards and backwards as fast as they can, a hoop race, and a ribbon race to finish off the day.

Seeing the joy and excitement on the children's faces as they participated was truly heartwarming. Thank you to all the families who came to cheer them on!

We are eagerly anticipating our annual trip to Bucklebury Park Farm! This much-loved event is always a highlight of our year. Here's what we have planned for the day; enjoying the soft play area, the outdoor park, and slides. Experiencing feeding the animals and having a picnic to feed ourselves and taking a scenic tractor ride to see the deer.

This trip is always such a fun day, filled with laughter and joy. We all enjoy spending quality time with our families and friends. We can't wait to share this wonderful experience with you!

We are now accepting applications for September 2024. We welcome applications for all types of funding, including the new two-year funding (subject to eligibility).

Prospective parents are encouraged to visit us:

Call in or Make an Appointment: We'd love to show you around.

Contact Us: Email Jayne at info@thecabinpreschool.co.uk or call us at 01491 682854.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our preschool community!