



Preston Primary

Unit 1 Puffins and Penguins Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024

Love to
Learn

Be a Good
Citizen

Ready for
Work



Collaboration



Communication



Creativity



Critical Thinking

Art

This week, we talked about what Art is. Art is something that is made with imagination and skill. An artist is someone who uses creativity and skill to make things. We talked about how Creativity is one of our school values. We challenged the children to be creative and to think of new ways to do things. Instead of using traditional paintbrushes for painting, we used objects such as feathers, string, pom poms, and twigs. The children enjoyed the freedom to create a group picture using a range of these items. We used the vocabulary of art, artist, print, press, imagination, and creativity.



Doctors visit

This week, Puffins and Penguins classes welcomed a group of final year medical students.

We rotated around different activity stations which were:

- Doctor's bag - What does a doctor carry in their bag? What does each item do?
- Hand washing - Why do we wash our hands? When do we wash our hands? We learnt and practised the correct hand washing technique.
- Heart - Where is our heart? What size is our heart? What does the heart do? We used a stethoscope to listen to our heart.
- Ear – We found out that ears are needed for hearing. Ears are also important because they keep our balance.
- Teddy Bear Hospital - Children brought in their own teddy bears from home. The doctors then wrote 'paw-scriptions' for the ill toys, prescribing healthy eating, exercise, cuddles, etc. The doctors put plasters or bandages on our injured bears.

The activities linked to our school value of 'Responsibility'. We are responsible for making healthy food choices. We are responsible for washing our own hands before we eat and after we visit the bathroom.

The team also talked about job roles within the hospital environment - I think we might have lots of future surgeons, nurses and doctors on our hands! The visit tied in perfectly with our 'When I grow up...' Learning Experience, as well as our school aims of 'Love to Learn' and 'Ready for Work'.

We had such a fantastic and inspiring experience. Parents might have to stock up on plasters and bandages at home, as I'm sure they might find lots of teddies (and family members!) now need caring for!



LEGO Discovery



In Lego Discovery this week the children were challenged to use vehicles and ramps to transport goods across their building site. They had to design and create lots of appropriate goods vehicles, e.g. trucks and lorries, that might be carrying supplies like bags of concrete or a stack of windows, across the muddy site. The children had to use ramps to transport the vehicles. The children had to consider the steepness of the ramp – too high and the vehicle would tumble over; too low and the vehicle might not gain enough speed to get over the next incline. They children had to work as a team to build a long ramp, as well as successfully sharing out the chassis' and equipment. They tested each vehicle and ramp until they found the perfect combination.



Theatre Trip – Wednesday 27th March



To support our learning in Communication, Language and Literacy, and to link with our 'Traditional Tales' unit of work, Foundation Stage will be visiting the Theatre Royal in Plymouth to watch a live performance of **'The Three Little Pigs'**. The performance involves a mixture of actors and puppetry. We are looking forward to such a fantastic experience!

Below are some reminders for the day:

- **COACH.** We will be leaving school at 8:50am. **Due to the early start, we will ask you to bring your child in early at 8:30am**, so that we can register, toilet your child, check lunches, and be ready to board and leave on time. A reminder will be sent nearer the day. (If your child is in Breakfast Club that day, we will make sure that they have eaten breakfast, and we will collect them from the hall and bring them to the classroom.)
- **LUNCH TIME ARRANGEMENTS.** The Theatre have provided us with a wonderful space to eat our lunch. After the performance, children will eat their lunch at the theatre. **Please supply a packed lunch and drink for your child** in a small named bag or lunch box. Alternatively, you can order a packed lunch from the school kitchen by ordering any lunch on the Aspens site - the kitchen staff will then provide a packed lunch to your child on the morning of the trip.
- **COLLECTION.** Collection will be from the playground at 3:15pm as normal. If your child is in After School Club that day, we will bring them to the hall as usual.



WHAT TO WEAR.	Usual school uniform. Please bring a coat.
WHAT TO BRING.	Packed lunch and a drink.
WHAT TIME?	Please arrive at school at 8:30am.



Rock Up and Read



On **Monday 18th March at 2.45pm** we would like to invite you to a 'Rock Up and Read' session. This will be an opportunity for you to come into the classroom to share the love of reading with your child. There will be lots of books available for you to read with your child. The children really enjoy reading for pleasure and they would be delighted to share the experience with you as well.

The adult collecting your child that day will be able to come into the classroom at 2.45pm (via the playground) to share some stories and then you will be able to take the children home at 3.15pm.

If you are unable to attend the session, please do not worry. Your child will still be able to enjoy reading for pleasure with their friends and the teachers in the class.

If you have any queries, please come and ask the class teacher.



Home Learning

- Enjoy listening to this week's story, 'The Enormous Turnip' on Seesaw.
- Check your child's book bag or on Seesaw for phonics activities and reading.
- Enjoy the Lego Six Bricks activity on Seesaw. Your child has a balloon in their book bag for this activity.
- If you haven't already used it, visit your local bookstore or supermarket to use your World Book Day token to get a new book.

Diary dates

- **Monday 18th March** – Rock up and Read session at 2.45pm
- **Thursday 21st March** – World Down Syndrome Day (children can come to school wearing colourful socks)
- **Wednesday 27th March** – Trip to Theatre Royal Plymouth to see 'The 3 Little Pigs'.
- **Thursday 28th March** – Last day of term before the Easter holidays.
- **Monday 15th April** – First day of Summer term.

Kind Regards, Mrs Bastin, Mrs Clague and the Foundation Stage Team.