

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

This week our topic has been space. The children have talked about items they would pack in their bag if they were visiting the moon; snacks seemed to be at the top of the list, plus a coat in case it was chilly! They have used finger muscles to pat, roll, poke and stretch the playdough, but we quickly found out that if other gooey liquids are added to it (washing up liquid) then it soon turns into alien slime!! The children used some fantastic describing words such as stretchy, sticky and slimy. Under the table mark making has been lots of fun and a great way to strengthen the upper arm muscles and shoulders which helps prepare children for being ready to write.



Our song of the week, 'Five little men in a flying saucer,' has been sung at every opportunity so the children should be able to give you an excellent performance. This song is great for acting out too, we have been holding up fingers, counting and whooshing them away as each flying saucer zooms away. We would love to see any performances on Tapestry!

### School preparation

This week we have had a pen disco. Whilst getting comfortable on the floor, either sitting or laying on tummies we have drawn and marked in time to some fun music. The children have talked about the marks they've made and the action needed to make them. School prep group time is also a time for us to talk about starting school, answer any questions the children may have and supports the development of important communication skills.

**Makaton this week**  
is:  
**To Share**

**Song of the week:**  
**'Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer.'**

### Parent and Child Review

Please complete and email back or hand into a member of staff.

### Postcards

Do you have any postcards that you could donate for our World map display? We're looking for Spain, France, Germany, Romania, Bulgaria, Russia, England but any others would be nice to add.

Remember sun hats in this gorgeous sunny weather we're due to have next week. Please apply sun cream before attending preschool.

Please **name** items your child brings into preschool. Particular water bottles, hats and jumpers.

### Term Dates Summer Term 13 weeks

*Half term – Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd June*  
*Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May*  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June – Farm Visit (all welcome more info to follow)  
End of term - Thurs 21st July  
21<sup>st</sup> July – Picnic and graduation  
<https://www.flyingstartmolesey.com/term-dates>

### Value of the Month is: **Resilience**

Here are the 3 characteristics of effective teaching and learning identified by the EYFS. Each of them requires the important skill of resilience.  
**Playing and exploring** - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go';  
**Active learning** - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements; and  
**Creating and thinking critically** - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things.