



Friday 13th May

It's been a creepy crawly kind of week here at Flying Start. The children have loved bug hunting in the garden and have continued to do this independently through the week. It's been great to watch them pair up, armed with a mini beast identification sheet and set off in search of insects. Speedy the snail has enjoyed lots of fresh air this week as the children have been requesting his company in the garden! They have been learning about his shell and how to handle him gently. **Please let a member of staff know if you'd like to take Speedy home for a weekend.**

We have said hello to some new faces at Flying Start...our caterpillars! We are very excited to observe them as they grow and change into butterflies, which we will then release into our garden. The children have started to do daily growth checks and have noticed them beginning to move around a lot more. Our caterpillars are from [Insect Lore](#) and can also be purchased from [Amazon](#).

Some of the children had a Zoom call with our Polish pre-school friends. Each pre-school said hello and sang some songs. Technology is amazing as it is allowing us to make friends in another country! We got to meet Malgo's niece on screen as she attends one of the pre-schools. We have some more Zoom calls planned and will be sending some post to our friends soon.

School preparation

This week we have played a range of games that focus on turn taking. Playing games can sometimes lead to big emotions that can feel hard to manage for young children, so we have been putting lots of focus on taking part. We have also started transition phone calls with schools.

Makaton this week
is:

Mummy
Daddy

Song of the week:

'Incy Wincy
Spider'

Parent and Child Review

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

There will be NO Holiday Club this summer

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

Fun day out at Carter's Steam Fair at Hershaw Green.
14-15th May

<https://www.carterssteamfair.co.uk/2022-tour-dates/>

Term Dates

Summer Term 13 weeks

Half term – Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd June

Tues 21st June – Sports Day for all

Wed 29th June – Farm Visit (all welcome more info to follow)

Thurs 21st July - End of term at **12:15pm**

21st July – Picnic and graduation

<https://www.flyingstartmolesey.com/term-dates>

Value of the Month is:

Resilience

Keep Trying!

Remember to praise your children for trying not just for succeeding.

Patience and persistence are an important part of learning. When children are trying and problem solving, "let them know that, win or lose, we are proud of them for their effort," says Kenneth Barish, Ph.D, Clinical Associate Professor of Psychology at Weill-Cornell Medical College. **"A child's feeling that her parents are proud of her may be the deepest and most lasting emotional support we can offer."**