

Friday 4th February

This week we have been enjoying National Storytelling Week. Stories can help children to make sense of the world, to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, they help them to relax and can help develop essential literacy skills. We have been busy with a range of activities linked to the stories chosen for this week. The children listened to the story of 'Sid The Silly Sausage Dog'. They then got busy in the Emergency HQ area where they worked as a team, using problem solving skills to deal with rescue missions and fires! Whilst reading 'Washing Line' the children had to guess who the clothes belonged to...so much fantastic mathematical language was heard as they described the size or length of the clothing. "It's super long", "it's teeny weeny". 'The Princess And The Wizard' story saw Eliza changing into coloured animals in an attempt to escape from the wizard. We looked at colour changing on the craft table where the children mixed paint to see what would happen. Lots of predictions were made and tested. How exciting to see a new colour emerging as two paint colours were mixed together!

This week we also celebrated the Lunar New Year. A day of colour and music. At circle time we talked about ways to celebrate the start of a new year and the children shared some of their own experiences.



Parent Helpers

It's World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March where children come to preschool dressed as a book character.

During the week we would like some parent helpers to take our 3+yr olds to the library. Please speak to Michelle at the main door.

Parent and Child Review

Please complete and return your parent and child reviews.

MMR News

A new campaign warns parents and guardians of the serious risk to children's health from measles, reminding people to ensure their children are protected by 2 doses of MMR vaccine.

Please read the press release on the Gov.uk website [HERE](#)

Term Dates

Spring Term 11 weeks

Wed 9th Feb – Pyjama Drama Performance
Half Term - Monday 14th – Friday 18th Feb
 Thurs 3rd Mar – World Book Day (Dress up)
 Wk 28th Mar – Library Visit (3+yrs)
 Mon 21st Mar – Rev Anne Visit
 End of term - Friday 1st April

Summer Term 13 weeks

Start of term - Tues 19th April –
Half term – Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd June
 Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May
 End of term - Thurs 21st July
<https://www.flyingstartmolesey.com/term-dates>

Song of the week:

The Grand Old Duke Of York



Makaton this week is:

[Listen](#)

[Story](#)

Value of the Month Independence

Please find attached a tick sheet called 'I am Independent' to help focus practising different skills.