

Newsletter Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our theme has been Mini-beasts and the children have loved exploring the garden for lots of different bugs hiding in the soil and plants. Lots of children got a chance to check in on our wormery, clean it out and feed them some yummy peelings. Speedy, the African snail, visited us from Flying Start this week. The children collected some grass and leaves to make a bed and fed it some apples.

In the garden, the children also got to see how well the seeded potatoes had grown. They now have long stems with bright green leaves. Using cubes, the children measured how tall the stalks were, in a few weeks we'll check and measure them again to compare the growth. One stalk was 22 cubes tall, I wonder what it will be next time!?

On Thursday, Red group were visited by a Vet called Elle and a Veterinary nurse called Grace, from 'The Vest Station' in Molesey. We were incredibly lucky that they found time in their busy schedule to pop in and talk to the children about their job and how they look after animals. They showed us some real X-rays for the children to guess the objects that the animal had swallowed. We spotted a ring, a key, a rubber duck, a spoon, a toy car and the children found it funny that a dog had even eaten Rubble from Paw patrol. Each child had a go at using the stethoscope and using the tape to wrap around their toy animals. The children were absolutely fantastic at sitting, listening and engaging in the talk.

Next week our theme is 'Colours'



Books2Borrow

Please can we ask you to keep the books at home for a <u>week</u> before bringing them back. Enjoy reading the book several times and becoming familiar with the characters and events. Talk to your children about the book using words like what, how, when and why...





<u>Farm Visit</u> Tuesday 7th May

Important Dates

<u>Summer 1</u> Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May.

Tuesday 7th May – Farm at Flying Start Preschool Closed Monday 6th May for Bank Holiday

Half term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Summer 2 Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

Thursday 18th July – End of year party Friday 19th July – Leaver's presentation On Tuesday 7th May, we will be taking groups of children to Flying Start Preschool to see the farm animals. Thank you to the parent volunteers, I will get back to you on Monday with some timings.

If your child does not usually attend on a Tuesday, you are welcome to visit Flying Start by yourselves between 10am and 12:00pm.

Morning Drop offs

Please can I ask you to make sure your child has been greeted by a staff member and is securely inside the building before walking away, thank you.

<u>Coats</u>

Although it is the summer term, we are still having some chilly days, please send your children to preschool with coats so we then have the choice is it is cold.