



West Ham Church School

With God all things are possible

A note from Mrs. James, Headteacher

During collective worship this morning, we talked about recent events in Ukraine and what children could do if they felt worried. Sometimes this is because they overhear conversations or items on the news or sometimes it is when things happen in their own lives that cause upset.



We have two trained mental health first aiders in school, Mrs. Nesbitt and Mr. Forster, but I also stressed how all members of the staffing team are available to listen and talk with the children. We also have worry boxes in each classroom for the children to express their fears and concerns.

Please help us and let us know if your child is worried about anything - excellent pastoral care is fundamental to our provision and we are here to help.

Prayer Space

A prayer from the team at All Saints Church

Lord God,

Thank you for the encouragement of knowing that you love us, you are with us and you are always cheering us on. Please help us to follow your lead and to encourage those around us each and every day.

Amen.

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Spring 2, Week 1

25th February 2022



EYFS Team

Teachers

Miss Holroyde & Miss Davis -

Little Owls

Ms Rice - Ladybirds

Miss Upson - Dragonflies

Miss Holroyde - Phase Leader

Additional Staff

Mrs Aryal, Mrs Aziz, Ms Hassan, Miss Starling

Bagel Grab and Go

Morning bagels are provided daily from 8:15-8:25am.

Children should arrive at St

Lucia Drive gate between 8:15-8:25 and go into the hall to eat their bagel before the start of the school day.

Values

Our school value this term is

TRUST



Collective Worship

Miss Jukes told us a story about how Jesus showed kindness to Zaccheus (Luke, 19: 1-10) and helped him to change his ways. This taught us how our kindness can make a difference. The West Ham Church team visited on Wednesday and spoke about how Christians believe that God is their cheerleader, and encouraged us to be cheerleaders for both ourselves and others. Miss Qureshi taught us about how Christians prepare for Lent and what this can teach us about ourselves.





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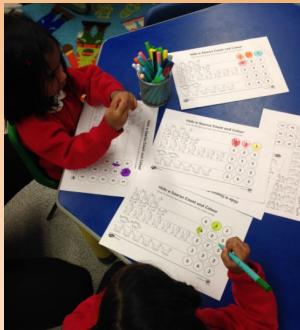
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Little Owls Nursery

It was great to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm!

Our new topics this term are “Dangerous Dinosaurs” and “Puddles and Rainbows”. The children have loved reading the “Hide-A-Saurus” story and creating their own hide and seek games with the toy dinosaurs. Some of the children completed a maths activity independently, working without an adult to count and colour the corresponding number!



They also explored different textures and ways to mark make, creating their very own dinosaur footprint decorations out of clay!



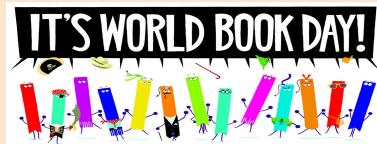
Forest School

In Forest School this week, the children have spent time thinking about their own personal likes and dislikes, and chosen some of their favourite activities.

They enjoyed using the binoculars to look for signs of spring, as well as using the equipment to make their own dens and shelters.



World Book Day



Next week, Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day. The theme is ‘Everyone is a reader’ and we are focusing on folk tales and poems from the different cultures in our school.

All children will receive a book voucher to purchase a book and we will have a range of reading and book related activities on the day.

We would like to encourage the children to dress up for the day either as their favourite book character or in something that represents their culture.

Please share any stories that you have from your own cultures or families with the children.



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Home Learning



Little Owls, Ladybirds and Dragonflies

The children have all brought home a small activity pack to help them maintain and develop their fine motor skills during the half term break.

Please encourage their independence as much as possible.

The children in Ladybirds and Dragonflies have also received some “tricky troll” words to practise during the holiday.

Please read with your child every day, and ensure that their reading book is returned to school.



Rhyme Time!

This week's rhyme was

Pat-a-Cake

Pat a cake, pat a cake, baker's man,
Bake me a cake as fast as you can.
Roll it, and pat it, and mark it
with B,
And put it in the oven for baby
and me!

Can you show someone at home the clapping actions to go with this song?

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance in EYFS and KS1 last week was...



Little Owls



Congratulations!

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The Headteacher's Award this week goes to **Fabeha** in Little Owls for showing strength in her learning and building her concentration.



Little Owls: **Tayeba**, for exploring a wide range of different learning opportunities.

Ladybirds: **Yasin**, for his excellent effort in phonics.

Dragonflies: **Mahdiya**, for her excellent effort and contributions during maths.



This Week's Learning



It was lovely to see the children engage with their new topics this week. Reception are finding out about how things grow, whilst Nursery are investigating dinosaurs!



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Communication and Language

Focus activity: find the rhyme!

Rhyming is an important skill that teaches the children about word families, reading, and writing.

Can you find the rhyming words?



Understanding the World

Focus activity: planting seeds

This week we will investigate the conditions required for a seed to germinate by planting our very own seeds and growing them under different conditions.

What does a plant need to germinate?

Physical Development

Focus activity: rolling and spinning



We will continue to practise our cutting skills, by using scissors to create a hairstyle for our characters.

Can you use the scissors accurately?

Personal, Social, and Emotional Development (PSED)

Focus activity: making healthy choices

We will be discussing the components of a healthy lifestyle and why these are important.

How can you stay healthy?

Mathematics

Focus activity: 1:1 correspondence

We will develop our fine motor skills and count as we retrieve different objects. The children will practising saying the next number in a sequence as they remove each object.

How many do you think there are?

Expressive Arts and Design

Focus activity: observation and drawing skills

As part of our social justice project, the children will use different books, objects and images to draw endangered animals.



What does the polar bear look like?

Literacy

Focus activity: information texts

In our text, Jabari is inspired by a number of scientists, engineers and inventors. We will be encouraging the children to think about who inspires them. They children will then write sentences about their role model using basic conjunctions.

Who is a good role model to you?



Phonics

We will be recapping the Phase 2 sounds next week, and playing some phonics games to develop our listening skills.



Phonics - Key Words

This week's Phonic Fairy (*high frequency*) words:
and, dad, on, an, in

This week's Tricky Troll (*common exception*) words:
no, go, he, she



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Communication and Language

Focus activity: language of instructions

When making pancakes, we will talk about the different stages we had to follow, and use key vocabulary to describe the mixing process.

What did we do first?



Personal, Social, and Emotional Development (PSED)

Focus activity: favourite stories

As part of World Book Day, we will explore the different texts that we read in our homes, and why they are special to our home cultures.

What is your favourite story?

Understanding the World

Focus activity: pancake day



We will work as a team to mix pancake batter, and explore why Shrove Tuesday is a special day for Christians.

What will happen when we mix it?

Physical Development

Focus activity: relay races

We will take it in turns to run in teams, passing objects between us each time. This will help us to develop our stamina, coordination and turn taking skills!

When do you need to start running?

Mathematics

Focus activity: positional language

We will use the language of 'behind', 'on top' and 'underneath' to describe where the different dinosaurs are.



Which dinosaur is under the tree?

Literacy

Focus activity: shared stories



As part of World Book Day, we will take it in turns to talk about our favourite story, and tell our friends about the different reasons that we like it.

Which story is your favourite?



Phonics

Next week's in phonics we will be playing a variety of games to help develop our listening skills.

This helps the children to identify different spoken sounds, which in turn supports their reading!





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WHCS Song Sheet

King of Me

My God's the king of the giants

My God's the king of the lions

My God's the king of the creatures of the deep

My God's the king of me.

My God's the king of the giants

My God's the king of the lions

My God's the king of the creatures of the deep

My God's the king of me.

Have you heard the story about my friend King
Dave?

Wouldn't let the giant stand in his way

He said, "Hand me my sling 'cause he's not that
tall"

"My God is bigger, and I'll watch him fall"

This is more than history

He will do the same for me

Like Jonah and the whale at sea

When I'm lost and afraid, all alone in the dark

You're with me

Oh, You're with me!

My God's the king of the giants

My God's the king of the lions

My God's the king of the creatures of the deep

My God's the king of me.

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My God's the king of me.

Have you heard the one about this guy called
Dan?

Yes, he was a mighty holy praying man

They said, "Throw him to the den of the scary
beasts"

But God saved our hero from the lion's teeth

My God's the king of the giants

My God's the king of the lions

My God's the king of the creatures of the deep

My God's the king of me.

Thank you to the team from All Saints Church who are helping us to learn this new song!

