



West Ham Church School

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A note from Mrs. James, Headteacher

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who have done amazingly well in their end of KS2 SATS this year, particularly noteworthy given the circumstances over the last two to three years. We are so proud of you! Primary school SATs results will not be published in national league tables until 2023 to reflect the disruption to children's learning, but we can share general information.

Reading has been our key school improvement priority since 2020, and the school has worked very hard and invested heavily in resources and training for teachers to improve teaching and learning in this important curriculum area.

Across the school, end of year assessments demonstrate that generally children's reading skills remain at a good standard. Maths and writing skills have been impacted by the disruption, but children are making rapid progress when attendance in school is good.

We are especially pleased to share with you that the children in Year 6 have produced the school's best results in reading. Writing, maths and grammar results are also above the national average when validated. This is testament to the hard work of both the children and the teaching team over the past four years.

And a big thank you to parents for your support in helping your children to do so well.

Early Years Foundation Stage

Weekly News Page

Summer 2, Week 5

8th July 2022



EYFS Team

Teachers

Mrs. Rogers & Miss Davis -

Little Owls

Ms Rice - Ladybirds

Miss Upson - Dragonflies

Mrs. Rogers - Phase Leader

Additional Staff

Mrs. Aryal, Mrs. Aziz,

Mrs Nesbitt, Ms Merson, Miss

Starling

Prayer Space

A prayer from the team at All Saints Church

Heavenly Father,

We thank you that as you say, you are the good shepherd and you care for us. You say that we are to be like sheep and come to you when you call to us.

We pray that this week we can be ready to hear your voice, and follow you. We pray that we can also help those around us who are in need of help.

Amen

Values

Our school value this term is

RESPECT



Collective Worship

This week, Robin from West Ham Church School spoke to us about surrounding ourselves with people who make us stronger and can help us - a very important message!

We also heard about the story of Jesus and the Paralysed Man (Luke, 5.17-26). We thought about the different ways that Jesus helped to heal people. Together we reflected on the feeling of hopelessness, and the different reasons people might feel hopeless, before discussing ways we can support others.



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Little Owls Nursery

We have had a great week, continuing to explore our topic story 'Splash, Anna Hibiscus'. We pretended to prepare for a visit to the beach, talking about what we would need to pack and what we might see in this new environment.

Our transition day was a success and the nursery children settled well and enjoyed exploring their new September classes; it was an exciting opportunity to talk about ourselves and our families. After drawing our own family portraits, we spoke about who is in our family and where we live. Fabeha had a great time reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Kamal was busy building with Lego and Taqiyah enjoyed drawing her family. We spoke about what we would like in our new classroom, and our school values. The children not going to Reception next year stayed in Nursery with Mrs Rogers, who will be their teacher from September.

Next week we will be continuing to explore the story 'Splash, Anna Hibiscus'. We will be reading the final pages and talking about the main characters and the events that took place.

Transition Day

The children all met their new teachers this week. The majority of Thursday was spent in their new classes, getting to know their new classmates and their teachers.

We know that the children may have questions and their own anxieties about change. Please continue to speak to them about the next academic year, and pass any concerns on to their teachers so that we can support them in school.

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Annual Reports

You will receive a copy of your child's annual report at the end of next week.

Please complete and return the reply slip at the back of the report.

If you would like to discuss the report with your child's teacher, you can also request this using the reply slip.

Stratford Library

Unfortunately the EYFS visit to the library has been cancelled.

Please do visit with your children during the holidays - they can still take part in the Summer Reading Challenge!

Colchester Zoo

We had a fantastic day on Tuesday visiting Colchester Zoo! Please see the next page for some photo highlights.

We were incredibly proud of how mature the children were. At the zoo we saw lots of different animals but some of the highlights were the chimpanzees, elephants, giraffes, a tiger and a lion! The children were also very excited to visit the "Familiar Friends" area where they saw several guinea pigs.

We were able to ride on a small train to the lemur enclosure, and we went through an underwater tunnel to watch the sealions diving and splashing.

Thank you for supporting the visit. We understand that it can be a daunting prospect for families, but we hope that you can appreciate what an amazing experience it was for the children.



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Home Learning



Little Owls

We are continuing to explore beaches, and to think about the different things we could see, feel and hear if we went to a beach.

Please support your child to look for pictures of beaches at home, or when out and about. Please encourage your child to draw a picture of a beach.

Ladybirds and Dragonflies

This week, the children are focusing on doubling. Please encourage your child to count accurately, and to look for patterns in the numbers.

Can they tell you the difference between odd and even numbers?

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

Rhyme Time! *This week's rhyme was*

I Went to the Animal Fair

I went to the animal fair,
The birds and the beasts were there.
The big baboon, in the light of the moon,
Was combing his golden hair.



Attendance

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



Dragonflies

Congratulations!



Little Owls: Ayan, for settling into the nursery routine and making new friends.

Ladybirds: Einaras for following instructions and joining in with class discussions.

Dragonflies: Kristine, for her impeccable behaviour and attitude towards learning.



This Week's Learning



We have been very busy outside!
Photos from our visit to Colchester Zoo are on the next page.



Colchester Zoo

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Have a look at some of the highlights of our day.
Ask your children to explain what is happening in the different photos and to tell you about their favourite parts.





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Communication and Language

Focus activity: coping with change

To support their work on change as part of PSED, the children will work together in small groups to discuss how to cope with change.

How can we help someone who is anxious?



Understanding the World

Focus activity: maps

Following on from their work on making a map of the zoo, the children will make a map of the route from their classroom to different areas of the school.

Which way do we need to go?

Physical Development

Focus activity: moving like different animals

Inspired by our visit to the zoo, the children will try to move like different animals, and compare the different movement styles.

Can you prowl like a lion?



Mathematics

Focus activity: shapes



The children will continue to explore different 2D and 3D shapes, looking for them around the EYFS area.

How many different shapes can you find?



Expressive Arts and Design

Focus activity: zoo animals



To consolidate their learning on different animals, the children will look at animal patterns and try to create their own zoo animal.

Does your animal have fur or feathers?

Literacy

Focus activity: celebrating our writing

During our final full week of school, the children will be celebrating all of their achievements, including sharing their work with their peers, and looking at their fantastic progress throughout the year.

Can you tell a friend about your writing?



Phonics

This week the children will continue to explore trickier Phase 3 sounds and work on their caption writing skills.

Phonics - Key Words



This week's Phonic Fairy (*high frequency*) words:
you, her

This week's Tricky Troll (*common exception*) words:
we, me, be



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Communication and Language

Focus activity: singing our favorite nursery rhymes



We will think of our favourite nursery rhymes and perform them to our peers using microphones.

What song would you like to sing to a friend?

Understanding the World

Focus activity: exploring the natural world

In our Forest School sessions we will be looking for the signs of Summer. We will talk about the weather and how the world is changing.



What season is it?



Physical Development

Focus activity: Dough disco

Using playdough the children will be encouraged to strengthen their fine motor skills.

How can you roll the dough?



Literacy

Focus activity: letter formation

After our phonics session we will try really hard to form our phonic sounds appropriately?

Can you write the sound sh on your own?



Phonics

This week's sounds are

sh, th, ng, ai

Phonics - Key Words



This week's Phonic Fairy (*high frequency*) words:
up, an, back, has

This week's Tricky Troll (*common exception*) words:
the, to, no, I, be

Personal, Social, and Emotional Development (PSED)

Focus activity: talking about feelings

We will read the colour monster book, thinking about how we are feeling and discuss why we may be feeling this way.

What colour are you feeling today?



Mathematics

Focus activity: Matching numicon to beads

Using our number and counting skills we will try to match the correct numicon pieces to the correct amount of beads.

Can you count the beads to match the numicon amount?



Expressive Arts and Design

Focus activity: Shaving foam art

Using different coloured paint we will make our own shaving foam pictures.

Can you spread the paint on the shaving foam?





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WHCS Song Sheet

Give a Little Smile

Give a little smile

1. Give a little smile,
 Give a little smile,
And be kind to everyone.
It doesn't cost a thing,
 It's easy just to bring
A little smile to everyone.

2. Bring a little love,
 Bring a little love
And be good to everyone.
It doesn't cost a thing,
 It's easy just to bring
A little love to everyone.

3. Give a little help,
 Give a little help
And be nice to everyone.
It doesn't cost a thing,
 It's easy just to bring
A little help to everyone.

4. Repeat verse 1

You can sing along with the song at home here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYedaETbsBI>