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Preparatory School

Nursery Newsletter: Spring Term 2, Week 4
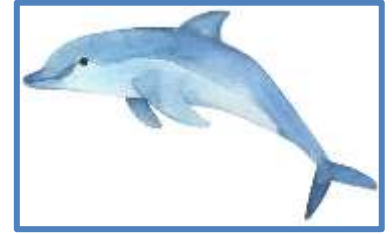
What have we explored this week?

Seahorses Class

The Seahorse class have been super busy this week! They read The Ugly Duckling as the story of the week and learnt all about white. They made the sweetest little fluffy white sheep out of cotton wool. Our maths concept was more and less. The children had to look under the magic cloth to see which group had more or less of different objects.

We had so many leftover bananas this week that we didn't want to go to waste so we decided to make banana bread! The Seahorses loved taking turns mushing up the bananas and mixing all the ingredients together. We got our bodies moving in Gym with Miss Robertson last Friday. It was such fun watching the children explore the apparatus by climbing, jumping and crawling.
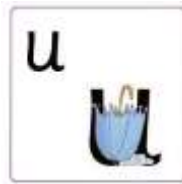
Dolphin Class

Literacy:

The Ugly Duckling has been our story of the week and it has been a great stimulus for us to discuss how everyone is different and how to be accepting. We saw how sad the little duckling was when the other birds said he looked strange so we had a great discussion about the impact of our words. We also made a story map which helped us retell the story.

Phonics: Our sound of the week is 'u'. We looked at different 'u' words, practised forming the letter 'u' and sang our Jolly Phonics song.

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Down and under, up to the top and draw the puddle.

u (Tune: Skip to My Lou Track 15)

/u/-/u/ up go umbrellas.
/u/-/u/ up go umbrellas.
/u/-/u/ up go umbrellas...
...when it starts to rain!

Action: Keep one hand steady and raise the other, as if raising an umbrella, and say u, u, u, u.

Maths:

In Maths this week we have been looking at long and short. We organised objects from longest to shortest in our work books and played 'I spy' for different long and short objects.

The Dolphins also had a wonderful time in Gym with Miss Robertson. They loved exploring the equipment and all had a go jumping onto the big mat and swinging on the ropes. In the afternoons the Dolphins baked some delicious banana bread. They particularly enjoyed mashing up the old bananas. We hope you liked your yummy treat!

Things to remember

- Please note that if your child has had diarrhoea or vomited, they need to be kept home for 48 hours. This is important to prevent the spreading of viruses and is NHS and school policy.
- **Please remember to pack a spare change of clothes in your child's bag in case of accidents, or messy play!**
- We do our best to play outside and get some fresh air every day. Please send your child in a warm coat, hat and scarf.
- A reminder that morning session pick up is at 11:45am and full day pick up is at 3pm.
- If your child is potty training, please put your child in a non-pop vest to promote independence.
- A reminder to continue to replace pull up nappies with tabbed nappies. This way, we don't have to fully undress your child when they are wearing more layers during winter.
- Assembly at the main school building continues on Thursdays and Fridays. Please drop your child off at the main school building between 8 and 8:20 on these mornings.
- Can we kindly ask for you to refrain from bringing toys into Nursery. We are finding it tricky to keep track of them and cannot be responsible if they go missing or break.
- We go to the Library every Thursday, so please send your library books back on a Wednesday or a Thursday so that the children can choose a new book.
- Thank you so much for sending in the pictures of your child for their timeline poster. We would like to invite parents to come and have a look at our projects on Monday the 25th at drop off.
- **Grandparents morning is the 27th of March from 10:45-11:30 which will be pick-up time.** Join us in making some Easter baskets and an Easter egg hunt! If a grandparent is not able to make the event, another relative or friend is welcome. If this is not possible, please do not worry as all children will still have lots of fun with the teachers!

What are the teachers doing this weekend?

Mrs Slater is celebrating her husband's birthday

Miss Chetwin is going to her local market

Miss Carla is celebrating her birthday

Miss Nataliia is going swimming

Book of the week:

The Ugly Duckling
Hans Christian Andersen - Bernadette Watts