

# EYFS Newsletter

## Spring 2019

Welcome back after the half term break. We are looking forward to another great term. Here are some of the fun things we have been up to, and some for the future.

Our theme this term has been UP, UP AND AWAY. The children came up with lots of ideas about things that they wanted to learn about this term. They wanted to learn about flying vehicles, including hot air balloons and rockets. The children designed their own rockets and even worked together to make the finished product.



The children suggested that their role-play area should be based on the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' (as it linked to our theme). They loved making a giant to look after their castle. The children tried making their own magic beans (beans that would dance). They used a fizzy drink and ordinary beans.



The children really enjoyed the snow and made their own snowmen at school.



The children learnt about Chinese New Year and were eager to find out which animal related to the year they were born. The children made dragons and explored Chinese numbers. They made Chinese cards and fortune cookies.



The children listened to the story 'My big bag of worries' and decided to make a worry monster for the class to use. They place all their worries inside the monster so that he can eat it all up. They used lots of different materials and textures to decorate it.



The children loved making their own pancakes. They worked together to mix all of the ingredients. The best part was when they got to eat them. "It was so yummy".





This half term Reception are:

- Learning phase 3 phonic sounds and revising phase 2 sounds.
- Learning to recognise and use finger spaces and full stops correctly in their writing.
- Focus on recognising all 'teen' numbers.
- Measuring weight and capacity.
- Learning about different countries and exploring different weathers and seasons around the world.
- Retelling the story of 'We're going on a bear hunt' and writing their own versions.

#### Ways to support at home

- Read with your child every day at home.
- Practice letter sounds and key words everyday (front of Monkey Reading Record Book).
- Talk about the weather and the world around us as you walk to school.
- Talk about numbers and shapes you see around you.
- Bake cakes/biscuits with your child, weighing the ingredients together.

Useful websites:

<https://phonicsplay.co.uk>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

#### PE and Library

Our Library Session is on Thursday morning.

PE days for Reception are Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Please ensure that your child has a suitable PE kit for both indoor and outdoor PE (including socks) and that it is clearly named.

#### Key Dates

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March Brooklands Museum trip

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April Work share Afternoon

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter/Lent Service at Church

Spring (Easter) Holiday 2019  
8th April 2019 – 24th April 2019

Please contact us or see me after school (on the gate) if you need to. Thank you.