

What a zesty week we've had with letter (z), as we came to the end of the alphabet the children brought in a fun variety of Zebra's a Zog book and Zoomer for the letter of the week table. Stripy fun was had with sequencing zebra crossing as we reminded the children about keeping safe whilst crossing the road. And then later in the week they all painted some truly stunning Zebras.



During cooking this week, the children creamed together butter and sugar, had fun sieving flour before using gross motor skills to fold in chocolate to make a delicious Zebra cake. We hope you they enjoyed it.



With signs of Summer approaching and the promise of holidays on the horizon, we spoke about all things water, staying safe, keeping it clean and discussed where water comes from. The children explored colour mixing by adding food colouring to water then mixing them together using pipettes and scoops. They had water fun in the garden by painting the walls with water, washing the car and watering the flower beds. What a happy week we've had.



Fun in the garden continued with chalk fun. All week the children added to the fantastic art work in the garden, adding rainbows, hopscotches, numbers and happy faces. The youngest groups practised fine motor skills and extended their knowledge of shapes as they cut around squares during group work. The start of summer brought with it the excitement of new life as Sarah introduced our new Caterpillar pets, we will watch them grow over the next few weeks into cocoons and then beautiful butterflies.



Loads of sensory fun was had as the children squished and squelched through glue and water to create some papier Mache art work to be used at sports days. Continuing with our water theme, on Friday some of the children made a xylophone with jam jars and water.



Caroline and Sarah's groups had a fantastic time measuring a range of farm animals, buildings and each other using tape measures, building blocks and rulers. We were amazed by their number knowledge.



As the sports day excitement builds the children started working towards making the props, without giving away too much of the surprise the children used colourful paints to swirl patterns onto a headband and adorn it with bright feathers.



Ava was so proud as she achieved her first rosette on Derek the horse. Her success has inspired us to create a very exciting but very secret race for sports day! Watch this space.



Fantastic Friday started calmly as we continued with the water theme, the children used colourful pallet paints to decorate some fish and then used bits of colourful material to dance along to 'The little Mermaids under the sea' as they jumped, swirled and swam like fish from the commotion in the ocean book. Madeleine's mother Sarah came in to read the children a lovely story about the adventures of the very cheeky and mysterious Peter Rabbit.





Agatha has lost her fur gilet from The White Company. She left it on her peg on Wednesday. Please can you check in case it has been taken home by mistake?

Reminders:

- We will not have a letter of the week next week.
- We will continue with our RULER words: Disappointed – feeling sad when something didn't happen the way you wanted it to happen and Tired – in need of sleep, a bit weary.
- Don't forget to bring in your flags for Sports' Day - ideally this should be for their country of origin, so we have all nationalities represented. It can be homemade (sturdy) or shop-bought, A4 size, on a stick and ideally made of material so it can be waved. Please could you also make sure it is named.
- Please bring in any spare adult odd socks.