

Newsletter

Monday 26th June 2023

Roundhouse Way, Harlow, Essex, CM17 9SF



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A Message from the Headteacher

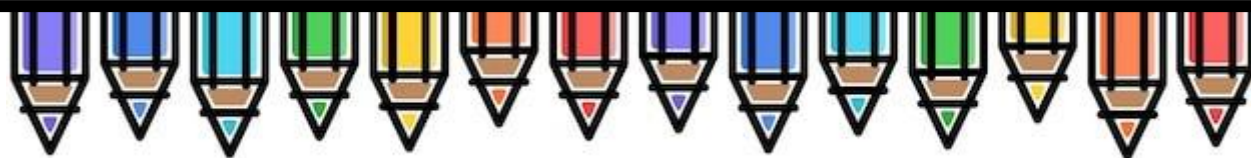
Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in the final half term of the year and we have lots going on including our sports day and further visits and activities for the children.

We will not be mixing classes this year and the children will find out who their new teacher is on 3rd July and will meet them on the 4th July. We will send parents a letter informing them of their child's teacher on this day also. Children in school will receive their annual report on Friday 14th July; we look forward to sharing these with you.

We have our Summer Fayre on Saturday 1st July. We are looking forward to seeing lots of our families there.

Mr Duffy



A Message from the Nursery Manager

What an exciting half term it has already been. Bluebell's caterpillars are already starting to form chrysalises; I'm excited to see when we may have butterflies! Snowdrop have been playing with many different messy activities. I think the favourite so far has been the slime.

Blossom have had many new children join us the last few weeks. A warm welcome to our new families to the topic of summer.

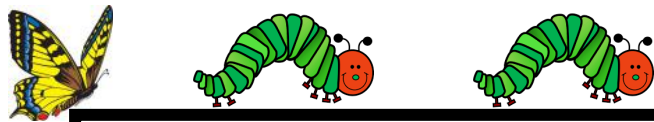
Transitions into the children's new rooms have been going well and all children have now begun to transition to their new rooms.

A few more exciting times for our Bluebell children with sports day and graduation just around the corner and all children will receive their nursery reports in the coming few weeks.

Ms E Pike



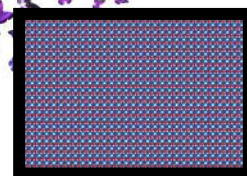
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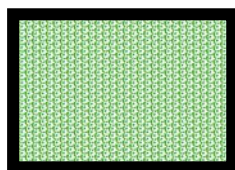
In Reception we have been learning about life cycles and that metamorphosis means that an animal goes through a very big change: they look completely different at the start of their life compared to the end of their life.

We have enjoyed observing and learning about our own real caterpillars! The caterpillar fed on the food in the pot and then they started to build their chrysalis hanging from the lid. Once they have all turned into chrysalis, we will then put the lid into a special butterfly net container with food and watch how they turn into beautiful butterflies. Once they have all completed metamorphosis, we will release them into the wild.



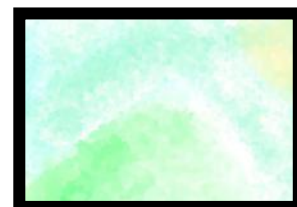
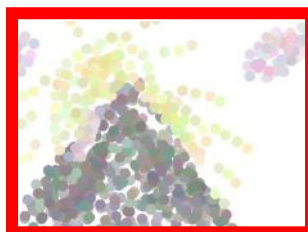
Blossom

Over the past few weeks, we have started our new summer topic. The children have really enjoyed spending more time in the garden now the weather is getting warmer and cooling off while playing in the water tray. While in the garden, the children have been using our listening to help spot aeroplanes and talking about what we do on our summer holidays. We are starting to prepare the older children for their transition to Snowdrop room at circle time through singing the days of the week, the hello songs and playing what's in the bag.



Year 2

This half term Year 2 have been focusing on creating pictures in computing. The children have looked at Pointillism with George Seurat, Impressionism with Claude Monet and repeat patterns in the style of William Morris. The children have looked at using different tools to recreate artworks.



Year 4

We are so happy to have Year 4 back for their last half term of the year! We kicked off our English by debating the question *should zoos still exist?* It's safe to say we were very passionate about this! We have also been enjoying the good weather by playing cricket. We started by learning the proper way to bowl a ball and have moved on to fielding and batting. Lastly, our Times Tables Rock Stars day last half term was a huge success! We dressed up as our rockstar avatars and played lots of times tables games. Well done to all of Year 4 for completing their times table check and a huge thank you to you at home for supporting the children to do their best.

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Year 3

Year 3 have been having a fantastic time learning all about light and shadows during science and exploring how we can make shadows with opaque objects. In addition, we have almost finished reading 'The Witches' and become much quicker at reading from reading such a long text! We are using the book to inspire us to write instructions for our own spells and potions using lots of prepositions and imperative verbs. During healthy eating / art week we have learnt about the importance of eating different fruit and vegetables and the different vitamins and minerals they contain. We have used this as inspiration for our art creating these excellent surreal self-portraits in the style of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, focusing on our sketching skills before we coloured them in. We have also been busy learning about parallel and perpendicular lines in maths in order to develop our knowledge and understanding of 2D and 3D shapes. The children enjoyed using this knowledge to create their own Venn diagrams and sort a range of shapes.



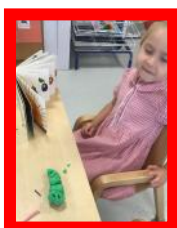
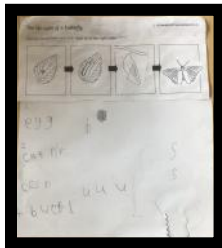
Year 1

Year 1 have had the pleasure of connecting with the Harlow Jewish community this term. We have been learning all about life as a Jewish child with a focus on Yom Kippur. The children were so respectful and well behaved when our visitor came and we were very proud of their in-depth and interesting questions.



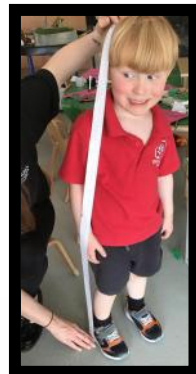
Snowdrop

This term we have observed Snowdrop Class being such active learners! Based on their own interests, they have been measuring and comparing and predicting who is the shortest or tallest and building towers to match different heights. They have been so engaged in our topic 'Under the Canopy' learning key vocabulary such as 'camouflage', 'tropical' and 'habitat' and have created some beautiful artwork in the style of 'Henry Rousseau'.



Bluebell

Bluebell children are loving our new topic 'Ocean Life'. We have looked at the book 'Commotion in the ocean' to teach us about the different sea creatures. We did some lovely drawings and writing based on this book. The book 'Mr. Seahorse' taught us that the seahorse is very good at camouflage and the daddy seahorse looks after the eggs. We also have had the opportunity to experience the life cycle of the butterfly first hand in our classroom. The caterpillars have now formed a chrysalis. We are waiting to see how long it will take for them to turn into butterflies. We have been learning about keeping safe in the sun, applying sun cream, wearing our hats and staying in the shade.



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IMPORTANT

dates to remember

Date	Event
Saturday 1 st July	Summer Fayre
Tuesday 4 th July	Children Meet their New Teacher
Thursday 6 th July	Sports Day
Thursday 13 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 14 th July	Bluebell Graduation
Wednesday 19 th July	End of Term – School Closes at 13:30
Thursday 20 th July and Friday 21 st July	School and Nursery Closed to Children (INSET Days)

Attendance

Our attendance for each class for the last couple of weeks is shown below. Well done to **Hazel Class** with 97% attendance. Our school target for attendance is above 96%.

Year Group	Class	Attendance
R	Cherry	95%
R	Willow	95%
1	Beech	93%
1	Rowan	91%
2	Elm	90%
2	Hazel	97%
3	Chestnut	90%
3	Maple	93%
4	Ash	95%
4	Juniper	94%

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