



Upcoming Events

15th – 17th May – Grandparents' tea party

23rd May – School closed

24th May – Reception sports day

9th July – Nursery Sports Day, 9.10-10.25 in school playground.

Eaglet News

Welcome back - we hope everyone had a great Easter break. The children have all begun the new term in good spirits, although the shock of being in school again was felt towards the end of this week, with lots of us feeling very tired! Our new topic is the jungle, and both reception classes were very excited by our safari around the school on Tuesday morning. Since then we have learnt more about which animals live in the jungle (with the bird-eating spider and poisonous frog being fan favourites), and about how the jungle is different from forests we have in the UK. Thank you to all those who posted on Tapestry over the holidays; we love seeing what the children do at home, and it is great evidence to support their end-of-year assessments.

In Nursery we went on journey in our imagination, using inference skills based on what we saw and heard to guess our destination – the jungle! We have been learning about the different animals that live in the jungle and why jungles can only be found in certain parts of the world. We made our own binoculars to take on safari, and used our cutting skills to create some crazy mixed-up jungle animals!

Grandparents' tea party

Hopefully you all received an invitation to our Grandparents' (or special person's) tea party. Please ensure you have replied to the invite as soon as possible so we know how many people to cater for.

Materials needed

For our art lessons next week, reception are in desperate need of some kitchen roll or wrapping paper tubes. We also need shoe boxes (a minimum of 30 are required!) If you have any at home please give them to Miss O or Miss Cook towards the beginning of the week.

Homework (Reception)

As we are edging closer to the Year 1 transition and our end-of-year assessments, we will be setting children a weekly homework. This will usually be a practical activity for them to complete at home, and the tasks have been specifically chosen to meet some of the Early Learning Goals that the children must complete by the end of the year. In order for it to go towards their assessments, we would need you to put the evidence on Tapestry. If you have any problems uploading things onto Tapestry please let us know as soon as possible.

Message for Nursery Parents and Carers

Please be aware that Ms Peters will be offsite next week. Mrs Gutierrez will be leading the class as usual along with other members of our St. John's teaching staff. Please speak to Mrs Gutierrez or Miss Osiecka, our Early Years leader, if there are any pressing issues. Stay-and-play will go ahead as normal on Friday 3rd May; however, there will be no Nursery newsletter next week.

Stars of the week

Nursery - Joseph



RO – Christian



RC – Sofia



Reception

Our learning

This week in pictures



Next week

Physical Development

We will be constructing boats to get across a river

Communication, Language and Literacy

We will be reading the book 'Rumble in the jungle'

Mathematics

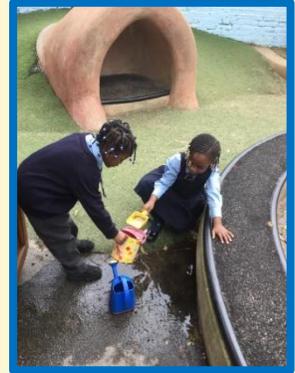
We will be exploring one more and one less with numbers up to 20

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be creating our own jungle settings and binoculars

Understanding the World

We will be using iPads to record our ideas on how animals are feeling



Nursery

Our learning

This week in pictures



Sorting animals by habitat

Next week

Physical Development

We will focus on threading and practising an in-and-out technique.

Communication, Language and Literacy

We will be exploring the book, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Can You See?* and creating our own versions, focusing on descriptive language.

Mathematics

We will be practising techniques for counting irregular arrangements of objects.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be exploring colour mixing and how to make colours lighter or darker.

Understanding the World

We will be describing different jungle animals, their appearance and behaviours.

