

# Eaglet News



Ms. Wightwick gave us some dehydrated compost and we spent the week working out how to hydrate it. At first we decided to pour water on top of it. This involved finding containers to transport water from the water butt to the

planters. The children used buckets, pots and upturned stilt to move the water. The compost began to expand and some children helped to loosen it with hand trowels. Secondly, we tried immersing it in water.



Many of the children also learnt how to use the tap on the water butt.

Finally, after few days, the compost was ready to use.



**Home learning:** Can you find out who was the elephant in the pictures above? Ask children in Nursery and Reception.

## Reminders

- We have enough boxes. Thank you to those who sent them in.
- If you have any concerns, please speak to class teachers rather than other parents.



## Forthcoming dates

**Nursery:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – come and watch our videos. Times below.

## Stars of the week



N Anton for always being eager to try new learning opportunities.



RC Ellie for accessing lots of different learning activities.



RP Honey Blossom for being focused and ready to learn.

# Nursery

## Our learning

Various costumes led to some wild roleplay in the outside area on Monday. The Gruffalo was captured by Buzz Lightyear, Woody and a sheep. The game involved lots of running. We felt our hearts beating before we started running and the difference after we had run all around the playground. We talked about how exercise had made our hearts beat faster and that it was good to keep this muscle working.



We have been using our fine motor skills to make tile patterns.

We have continued to make new friends and learn with lots of children, not just our familiar friends.

We have been learning about penguins and talking about how they swim. We experimented with oily crayons and watched if the crayon protected the penguin, like the penguins' feathers. We also looked at a map of the world and found out where they live.

### Next week

**Theme:** the Gruffalo and other books by Julia Donaldson

**New for next week:** Come and watch short videos of us learning: Monday 3.20-3.30pm, Tuesday: 8.30-8.40am, Thursday 3.20pm-3.30pm. Entry: wait outside exit door from Nursery and you will be invited in.

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be using kind hands at all times. We will be trying to remember where we sit on the carpet.

#### Physical Development

We will be focusing on running up the spiral mountain.

#### Communication, Language and Literacy

We will be asking questions after somebody has shared their special item in the sharing tin.

#### Mathematical development

We will be comparing sizes and using mathematical language such as tall, short.

### The story of the Gruffalo



In character, ready to go.



Run, run.



The Gruffalo is caught!



Let's listen to the story.

### Our sharing tin



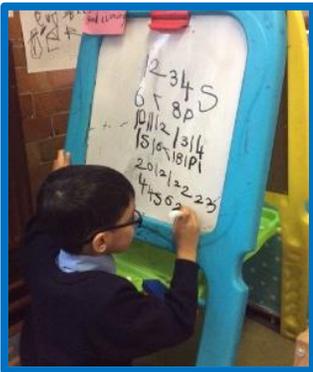
# Reception

## Our learning

Reception have started a new book called 'Message in a Bottle.'



In Mathematics they have been working with the teachers to regroup sets of animals and work out which numbers share out into groups equally. They have also been exploring wet sand and recreating jungles.



We are always on the lookout for children showing their knowledge independently. Here Shakir has written numbers in order.



### Next week

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be talking about how we show our feelings.

#### Physical Development

We will be trying some new fruits and making healthy choices.

#### Communication, Language and Literacy

We will be writing our own messages in bottles.

#### Mathematics

We will be building our confidence in our number sense to 20.

#### Understanding the World

We will be taking a walk around our local area, looking out for adverts and other environmental print.

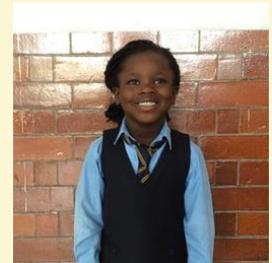
#### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be making our own functioning musical instruments from junk modelling.

These were the stars of the week in Reception after we returned from the holidays  
5th January 2018



RP Kerrin



RC – Elizabeth



Building a volcano



Child-initiated - Exploring slopes and gravity