

Foundation Stage News

In Reception the children have been reading the book 'The Train Ride' by June Crebin. They discussed what they might see out of the window if they went on a train. Then they wrote sentences and drew pictures to describe what they thought they would see. The children have been busy with maths activities adding and subtracting people as they get on and off the train. They have also been trying out their measuring skills to find out about different lengths of train track.

The Reception children are doing some cooking each week and practising their washing up skills. This is of course a very important skill which we hope the children will practise at home. In fact washing and drying up will support the development of fine motor, manipulation and coordination skills all necessary for writing. It will also help the children understand the importance of cleanliness and hygiene for a healthy life. Most of all washing up is fun when you are four or five years old!



The Nursery children love the book 'The Duck in the Truck' we are sure that many of the children can tell their families the story. We have enjoyed rhyming words like 'muck, stuck and truck'. We have also made and used props to retell the story to our friends. There has been 'muck' composed of clay and water to explore in the art room, as well as using fine soil as 'muck' to retell the story and make tracks on our paper road. We enjoyed playing a bus game where the children counted each space as they moved their buses carefully along the track. They have also been learning to add the passengers on to the bus. There are many types of transport to sort out in Nursery and the children have been learning to sort and categorise transport according to colour, type and other properties.

When the duck was driving the truck along the track that was taking him back he had been shopping for vegetables. The lucky Nursery children found the vegetables and have been busy making soup this week. The smell of warming soup has been making everyone feel hungry and lots of the children declared that the soup was 'delicious'.

Our airport has been very busy and the children have been drawing pictures of themselves and writing their own passports. They have also been using the blocks to make lots of different vehicles.

We were very lucky to have a motorbike in school this week. The children were very excited and loved trying on the helmet and sitting on the bike. They also asked our guest some very interesting questions and know lots about two wheeled transport now.

The Foundation Team

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 5th February: Governors' Meeting

Thursday 7th February: Reception Class visit to Brooklands Museum

Friday 8th February at 9am: VENUS Class Assembly

PTA EVENTS

Friday 8th February 7.30pm – QUIZ NIGHT! -

please see letter for full details

Saturday 2nd March – Family Photography Day -

please see letter for booking details

Calendar of events this year on the PTA Spring Newsletter (copy on website)

OWLS: Contact number 4 – 6pm

If your child is attending OWLS and you are going to be late collecting them, please call or message Mrs Kay on the following number between 4 and 6pm: 07760457547.



Please note that this number is only to be used for emergencies on the day concerning Owls - Thank you.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please ensure that all library books are returned to school every week during your child's library session.

Videos to DVD

We have a limited number of videos which we would like converted to DVD. If anyone has access to a machine and could volunteer to complete a gradual changeover, we would be grateful. Please let the office or Mrs Thackray know.

All expenses will be covered by the school.