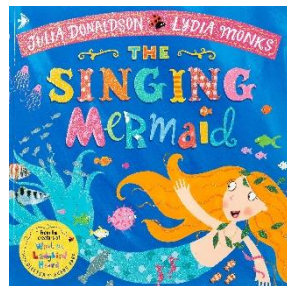
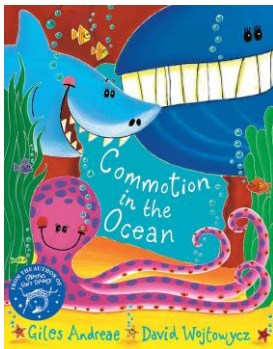


Nursery Summer Term Newsletter

We hope that you have all had a lovely Easter break and were able to take advantage of the sunshine in between the showers and enjoy some time outdoors with family and friends. It is hard to believe that the children are now in their final term of Nursery; where has the year gone? We are extremely proud of all of the children and their achievements, and it is a pleasure to see them become more and more independent in so many different ways. You will be finding out very soon whether your child has got a place in one of our Reception classes if you applied to do so. We have our fingers crossed and hope that the children will be continuing their journey with us, and we will be putting lots of things in place to ensure that the transition into Reception is as smooth and seamless as possible. This will include visits from the Reception team, visits to the Reception classes and also a number of story sessions. However, we are not ready to say goodbye just yet as we still have lots of lovely activities planned, and this final term will be just as busy as the previous ones.

We will be exploring our topic of 'An Underwater Adventure' through a number of stories which will include 'Commotion in the Ocean', 'The Singing Mermaid', and 'Shark in the Park', to name but a few. We will again be retelling the stories, sequencing them, drawing pictures and writing about them.



In Mathematics we will be continuing to develop the many concepts introduced in the previous terms. The children will be counting objects to 5 and beyond, recognising numerals to 5 and beyond, and learn how to make 5 using 5 frames and counters. Some of the children who are confident to use a pencil will be attempting to write numbers using the correct number formation. The children will continue to learn the names of 2D and 3D shapes as well as explore some of their properties.



The children will continue to learn in a fun, practical and imaginative way, carefully building on the learning that has taken place in the previous term, and we are really looking forward to our trip to 'Apple Tree Town' next week. The children will be able to explore a whole range of role play areas with their friends.

Our indoor role-play area has been transformed into the circus from 'The Singing Mermaid' and will soon be a beach and seaside with its own ice cream shop where I am sure that the children will develop a wide range of skills without even realising!

In the coming weeks we will be focusing on P.E. to give the children some time to practise for **Sports Day on Thursday 6th June**. They will be participating in different types of races and children will have the opportunity to practise skills such as balancing bean bags, throwing and running while staying between the white lines on a track. However, we will begin the term with our Willows' Outdoor Workshop (WOW) on Friday 12th April.

We are proud of the progress that the children are making in phonics and a third of children have now started to read simple sentences and have reading books to take home. A number of children are learning letter sounds in order to later develop the skills needed to read words while some children are learning how to rhyme, listen for initial letter sounds in words and to hear what word is being said when split into its component parts.

If you google the following websites, they are excellent if you would like to know a little bit more about correct sound pronunciation and blending – Information for Parents: How to say the sounds – Ruth Miskin, and How to teach blending to children - Phonics tutoring with Ruth Miskin

Most children can now put their own coats on and take them off independently and a good number of children have started to fasten their own zip! All of the practise and hard work is starting to pay off and the children are becoming more independent when doing this important skill.

Reminders

- Library books will continue to be changed every Friday so please make sure that they are in your child's bag on this day in order for your child to get a new book. Unfortunately, any losses will incur a £5 charge.
- Reading books will be changed as and when we get an opportunity to hear your child read on a weekly basis so please make sure that your child's reading book and diary stays in your child's book bag daily.
- Some children will be bringing home word cards with a number of words on that can't be sounded out but need to be remembered. These are known as tricky red words. Once your child knows all of the words on a card they will then be given a new one. It might be a good idea to practise writing some of the words from memory as these will support your child in writing trickier sentences. For example, the following sentence has three tricky red words – **I went to the** shop.
- Please don't allow children to bring toys in from home. They can be very distracting and also causes a lot of upset if they are not where they are meant to be when they look for them.
- Jewellery, including earrings are not allowed to be worn in school.

Most children have plastic envelopes which contain either sounds, numbers or both to practise at home. It is important that these are kept in your child's book bag at all times in order that we can add to them when we feel the need to.

Dates for your dairy:

April

- Tuesday 16th - Trip to Apple Tree Town – Squirrels and Hedgehogs
- Wednesday 17th - Trip to Apple Tree Town – Foxes and Badgers

May

- Monday 6th - Bank Holiday
- Thursday 23rd - **Dress up as a mermaid, sailor, sea creature or in the colours of the sea.**
- Thursday 23rd - Break up for half term

June

Thursday 6th - Nursery and Reception Sports Day 9.30 a.m.

July

- Friday 19th - Last day of term

Thank you for all of your support during the last term, you make a huge difference to the children's progress and we look forward to your continued support in the final term of Nursery.

If you would like to speak to any of the Nursery team regarding concerns or worries that you may have, please do not hesitate to do so. We are available at the beginning and end of the school day or you can make an appointment for longer discussions, alternatively you can always contact us by Dojo.