

Weekly Round-up (Spring Term week 1)



Happy new year

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We have had our first week back at preschool, and although it has been cold, it has been a lovely start to the year. It has been a pleasure to hear all the children sharing stories about their festive celebrations with us.

We are very excited to welcome our new starters and are delighted to see them beginning to settle into preschool and enjoy their time here. We understand that this can be a daunting and sometimes overwhelming time for children, and we want to reassure you that we will continue to work closely with you and your child to ensure they feel happy, settled, and secure.

With the cold and wet weather, please remember to send your child in with a warm coat, a change of clothes, and hats and gloves if possible. This allows us to continue enjoying outdoor play while keeping everyone comfortable.

Rainbow Room

This week, we made the most of the icy temperatures by setting up a fun ice tuff tray using natural materials. The children loved exploring the ice, trying to chip the foliage free, and sliding objects across the surface to create their own "icy pond."

Indoors, the children have enjoyed working together on puzzles using the light-up box, developing teamwork and problem-solving skills. We've also seen lots of wonderful imaginative play using the dolls' house and animal figures.

At the playdough station, some very tasty-looking cookies and cakes were created! The children used rolling pins and cookie cutters before "baking" their creations in the play kitchen, showing fantastic role-play and creativity.

We went on a walk through the village to the shop to buy some milk. The children helped to find the milk and used money to pay for it. After our shopping trip, we rewarded ourselves with a fun visit to the park.

The children also took part in some fantastic junk modelling, building a large cardboard house. It was later decorated with a beautiful rainbow paint design and looked amazing.

We've enjoyed playing group games such as *Gruffalo Snap*, helping the children to practise memory skills, speed, and turn-taking.

Buzzard Room

The children loved sitting together and chatting about their favourite parts of Christmas. One child was particularly excited to show off their festive tattoos, which brought lots of smiles and laughter.

At the painting station, the children worked collaboratively to create beautiful artwork. They referred to a colour chart and enjoyed mixing paints to discover new colours.

This week, we were delighted to welcome Miss Moss, the Reception teacher for Oak Class at Lympstone Primary School. She read the story *Octopus Shocktopus* and introduced the children to the class toy giraffe, Guss. It was a lovely visit that the children really enjoyed.

Some children also enjoyed a friendly game of football in the front outdoor area, taking turns to kick and stop the ball while playing cooperatively.

There has been a strong interest in tigers this week. The children explored a non-fiction book, used the index to find tigers, and learned about lions, cheetahs, what they eat, how fast they run, and where they live.

We have been encouraging independence, particularly with putting coats on. The children practised the "flip method" (placing the coat on the floor with the hood facing them, arms in, and flipping it over). The sense of pride when they succeeded was wonderful to see.

Finally, we set up a target game using a large target drawn on the tuff tray and squeeze bottles filled with water. The children took aim and practised their coordination and hand strength — and had lots of fun doing it!

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

Last day of Term 13th Feb

February Holiday Club
Booking is open – Email.
16th Feb – 20th Feb 2026

First day of new term
23rd February 2026

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Resources Donations

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WE WOULD LOVE:

- SHAVING FOAM
 - CORN FLOUR
 - A4 PRINTER PAPER
 - A4 COLOURED CARD
 - A4 COLOURED SUGAR PAPER
 - WATER COLOUR PAINT PALET
 - GIOTTO LARGE WAX CRAYONS
 - GIOTTO FELT TIP PENS
 - GIOTTO LARGE PENCILS
 - PEEL & STICK SHAPES
 - GLITTER
 - SMALL POM POMS FOR CRAFTS
- THANK YOU SO MUCH

Have a wonderful weekend & see you next week!