

Friday 4th February 2022

Springside School Weekly Newsletter



Head Teachers' Message:

Today I have met with the health and safety link learners who looked around School to advise how we can continue to make it safe, a few points they identified are;

- Make sure all staff members wear their lanyards with security badges so people who we don't know can't come in
- If someone visits School a teacher must be with them
- Make sure the corridors don't have clutter
- Only chairs that are to help the learners who struggle, must be on the corridor
- Displays must be neat and tidy
- No clutter on the walls
- Learners need to walk not run down the corridors
- Learners must be sat down if they are eating and drinking

This week I have held several conversations with parents when there has been a change in circumstances at home. Please continue to update us with any information you think may help us support your child no matter how small you think it may be.

Take care
Melody

Reminder

As part of our 'Express yourself' Children's Mental Health Week and to recognise the importance of children's rights to express themselves, we will be having a 'dressing up' day next Friday the 11th February. Learners and staff can wear whatever clothes they wish to express their uniqueness, interests and personality, e.g. fancy dress items, pjs, wigs, football kits etc.

Head Teachers' Awards

Well done!

Experiential: Aariz, Eesa and Aran

Exploratory: Kamran

Investigative: David and Alexander

MH&W Award: Bella

Stars of the Week



Butterflies - Sumaiya

Wallabies - Aran

Ducklings - Theo

Zebras - Moez

Rhinos - Junior

Elephants - Arash

Meerkats - Brandon

Monkeys - Moosa

Penguins - Mary

Dinosaurs - Qirat

Giraffes - Jason

Tigers - Daniel

Certificates have been sent home via email to celebrate with your child.



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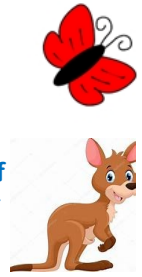
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Experiential Phase

This week in school the wonderful Wallabies have been participating in lots of exciting activities surrounding our new story 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have been exploring straw/ wood and 'bricks' and creating collages for each of the pigs' houses. We have enjoyed exploring the 'touch' elements of the sensory book in order to gain a better understanding of the story. One learner has been using the ALD board in order to communicate the turning of the pages. We have been making pig / wolf masks using paper plates and using our switches to retell the story using key sentences. We really enjoyed using the fan "I'll huff and I'll puff" (Wolf) and were able to anticipate the 'wind' once the activity had been repeated. We have used the nursery rhyme 'Hickory Dickory Dock' in order to introduce our new fortnightly letter sound 'T.....ick....T.....ock...(repeat)...' accompanied with pendulum arm movements. The version that we found on the internet involves lots of different animals climbing up the clock and is really funny so perhaps check it out at home!?!?

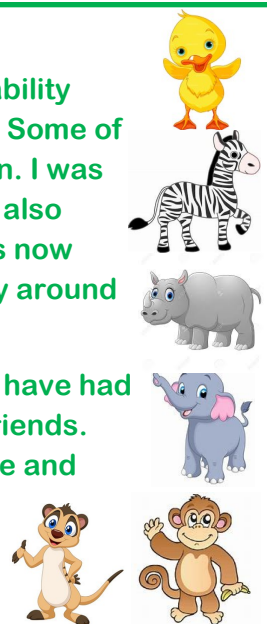


Exploratory Phase

We've had something different this week! On Monday and Tuesday the Bikeability team visited school and supported learners to trial balance and pedal bikes. Some of the Exploratory learners from each class were chosen to engage in a session. I was thrilled to see Ellis, Ayaan S and Dylan take to pedal biking so quickly! It has also been shared that Danny H in Rhinos was amazing on a pedal bike, too, and is now enjoying riding a pedal bike daily on the playground; learning to riding slowly around other learners.

We continue with our themed and skills based learning this week. Ducklings have had a big focus on social skills this week; learning to play alongside their class friends. There was a lovely WOW moment where Theo and Frankie were able to share and enjoy the train set together.

All the other classes have shared some fantastic photos of skills-based learning themed with the celebration of Chinese New Year. Xīnnián kuàilè!

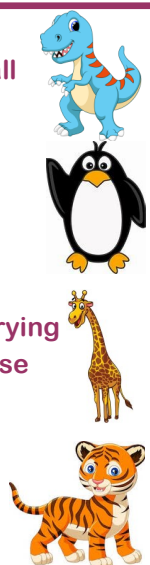


Investigative Phase

What another fantastic week we have had in the Investigative phase. Our learners across all four classes have been busy celebrating Chinese New Year by taking part in lots of traditional activities. Dinosaurs class had a Tai chi lesson and opened up their own restaurant to the other classes in the phase called Springside Sunnies Chinese restaurant. Tigers class made some beautiful Tiger themed Chinese drums to celebrate the year of the tiger and enjoyed opening their fortune cookies. Giraffes learned all about the story of Chinese new year and sample some delicious Chinese food using chopsticks including salt and pepper chips, were a bit spicy but we liked them! Penguins also had a fantastic week trying some themed foods as well as taking part in different Chinese themed meditation. As a phase we have also enjoyed taking part in bikability sessions and some of our years 6's visited Hollywood Bowl to represent Rochdale in a bowling competition.

Have a great weekend

The Investigative team



Rights Respecting School News



This week lots of the learners across school took part in Bikability sessions to develop their riding skills as part of their rights to develop new talents and abilities. It is also a fantastic way for our learners to access their right to play. Here is what the Bikability staff had to say about our learners. 'Rick and I really enjoyed delivering the sessions in your school and were amazed at how well the pupils took to riding, it was very rewarding for us to see the enjoyment they got from it.'

Some of our Year 6 Tigers learners also took part in an exciting competition at Hollywood Bowl in Bolton where they represented Rochdale in a bowling competition as part of their right for children with additional needs to take part in activities within their community. We are super proud of all our learners who represented Springside this week.

Have a lovely weekend

Kirstie



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