

Friday 16th September 2022

Springside School Weekly Newsletter



Head Teachers' Message:

This week we have seen an increase in learners using the bikes during their recreation time. To support the learners gain an understanding of how to keep themselves safe we will be encouraging them to wear helmets.

Today we welcomed Calderbrook Alpacas as part of our animal therapy offer to support our emotional wellbeing. This half term Penguins learners will be working with the Alpacas, watch out for the photos showing the Penguins successes.

We welcomed our guinea pigs back into Tigers 'Missy and Lola' and look forward to welcoming Fudge once he recovers from a recent illness. Tigers' learners have been amazing this week, making sure the guinea pigs have access to water, food, hay and fresh fruit and vegetables. Well done Tigers!

We congratulate both Joshua and Duha on becoming health and safety champions. Watch out for their additions to the newsletter towards the end of each half term. Our first meeting will look at the use of electricity.

Take care
Melody

Head Teachers' Awards

Well done!

Sapphire in Dinosaurs
Jessica in Giraffes
Sienna in Penguins
Abdul R in Butterflies
Harris in Meerkats

Skills stars of the Week



Butterflies - Zain

Wallabies - Ibrahim R

Ducklings - Mamoudou and Theo

Zebras - Blake

Rhinos - Araf

Elephants - Ted

Meerkats - Joshua

Monkeys - Arash

Penguins - Sienna

Dinosaurs - Ayyan A

Giraffes - Ali Hussain

Tigers - Rehmat

Certificates have been sent home with your child

Dates for your diary

18th October Annual film festival sharing each classes successes - further information will be shared closer to the time

14th and 21st October Breast cancer awareness - staff and learners to wear pink and take part in a bake sale

Reminder Monday 19th September is a bank holiday—SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED



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Ducklings, Zebras, Rhinos, Elephants, Meerkats and Monkeys

Exploratory phase have had a fabulous second week of half term.

Ducklings continue to welcome in our new learners and have been getting familiar with all the new and exciting resources in their classroom. Lots of lovely mark-making on mirrored surfaces and exploring new small work play.

Zebras are settling into their classroom routine and are beginning to share favourite toys. They have been exploring green vegetables and practising fine motor skills by rescuing some superheroes. They have also enjoyed movement and play session in the Drama room.

Rhinos have been starting the day with a daily walk and sensory circuit to help learners get ready to learn. They've also enjoyed some opportunities to use the field area during play time to develop walking, bike and motor skills with some of our friends in the Investigative phase.

Elephants have been focusing on how to transition safely around the school and use different areas for different activities. They have also enjoyed joining together as a class to play parachute games in the classroom. Everyone is growing in confidence expressing themselves!

Meerkats have been focusing on settling into new routines with new staff and using lots of calming and regulation time to ensure everybody feels ready to engage with all of our exciting activities.

Monkeys have enjoyed focusing on the SuperTato story and used their cooking session to make healthy mash and oven chips to explore and taste. They have also engaged well with Jabadao in the Drama room, using the computers in the IT suite and relaxing in our sensory room.

A busy week for all in Exploratory Phase and we look forward to even more fun next week!

Kelly McLawrence

Social Communication Lead



Wallabies, Butterflies, Dinosaurs, Penguins, Giraffes and Tigers

Wallabies have continued to transition this week as we welcome six new learners to the class. Our newest and youngest learners have settled so well and are now beginning to learn our daily routine. This week, we have enjoyed further exploring our classroom and exploring communal rooms we can use around school including the big hall and soft play.

Butterflies have jumped into action for our new topic: Superhero's/People that help us. We have loved trying on lots of costumes and learning about the jobs of different people in our community. We welcomed back our lovely Physio and OTs into class this week making sure our equipment still fits us - Thank you for helping us!

We have had a super busy, but fun week in the Penguins! We have been learning 'All about me' and celebrating ourselves and our friends. We enjoyed our superhero themed writing session and had a lovely Jabadao session with our friends from the Dinosaurs too!

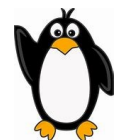
Dinosaurs have continued to link their learning to our theme 'People who help us', making thank you cards to say thank you to those that help us. We have also learnt to recognise our names and our peers' names.

Giraffes have enjoyed using role play to make and count play dough cakes to feed their teddies and dolls in class. We have also enjoyed our daily mile walks - enjoying the fresh air to help us to be ready to learn in the morning.

Tigers have enjoyed lots of learning outside of the classroom this week. We have showed our super independence skills during a trip to swimming on Monday morning, a trip to the library on Tuesday afternoon and to our local park on Wednesday afternoon.

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