



Reception News

The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of "54 countries working together for prosperity, democracy and peace."



The Commonwealth

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school. This week, we have enjoyed continuing our journey into space by discussing what the inside of a spaceship looks like, the importance of space exploration and the role of astronauts. We read the story *Aliens Love Underpants* and wrote a letter to an alien telling them about our life on Earth. In maths, we created 2D and 3D rockets with various different resources, such as magnets and wooden blocks, and then discussed how we designed them and the various shapes that were used. In art and design, we created a Mother's Day card and used our phonic knowledge to write a personal message to our mummy!



Writing a letter to an alien



Everyone is glad to be back at school!



Learning about what astronauts do...



Taking advantage of the sun and drawing daffodils!



Imagining what it would be like to walk on the moon!

Notices and Reminders:

Please do try to read with your child every day. It is also important that you sign and comment on the reading record in order for us to know how your child has found the book i.e. challenging or easy. This information is incredibly useful for teachers in planning your child's next steps.

We are washing our hands a lot more than normal so if your child's hands are dry please put some hand cream in their bag and we will encourage them to use it throughout the day.

Next Week in Reception:

We will be looking at the story of *The Way Back Home* by Oliver Jeffers. The children will be thinking of ways to get the characters back to their own planets, using positional language. We will be listening to Gustav Holst's *Planets Suite* and thinking about what movements we can make to each melody. We will be talking to the children about the Census and recreating our own version in the class.



Nursery News

London's Burning!

Following a fire drill on Friday, the children have been enthralled by the theme of firefighters this week! We have had lots of opportunities for imaginative play, with the children using props and costumes to take on the roles of firefighters. We even made our own class fire engines out of large cardboard boxes!



In PE, the children embarked on a firefighter training course, involving various sports equipment arranged as an obstacle course. Everyone did so well developing a variety of gross motor skills and had a fantastic time in the process.

In singing, we learned the song 'London's Burning' and practised singing in a round.



"When I grow up, I want to be a firefighter!"



Firefighters in training!



Overview of next week's learning:

Phonics: Hh, initial, middle and end sounds in words, oral blending and segmenting

Maths: Simple addition using number stories and resources Topic: Opticians, dentists

Notices and reminders:

Please remember to return any spare clothes borrowed from Nursery as our supplies are running low. If you have any items of school uniform which no longer fit your child, we would gladly welcome some donations.

Many thanks!

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