

## School News

We have been enjoying the warm sunshine shining down on us this week. The children downed their coats for the first time this year to freely run, climb, dance, read stories etc. We of course go outside in all weathers but the shining sun brings the season of Spring. We've been spotting daisies and daffodils growing in our gardens. At home look for the signs that Spring is here.



## Message from Federation Headteachers

At Roots Federation we pride ourselves with being highly inclusive and we welcome all children, supporting them through each developmental stage. Whilst they learn to communicate and regulate our staff offer support and guidance. However, children under 5 can struggle to control their emotions, communicate effectively and can express themselves very physically. We know that some children have been expressing themselves through biting others and this has worried a number of you. In response we have produced some information on biting (sent with this newsletter) which we hope you will find useful.



GEMMA



HAYLEY

## Curriculum - Why we do what we do - Painting

### What we do at school:

In our school, painting is one of the most popular activities! Painting offers a wide range of learning opportunities; our children love a messy, creative, and engaging experience! Through painting children can express themselves freely and imaginatively irrespective of age. At an early stage of development children can use wide paint brushes, sponges or their hands to experiment with paint. Those with greater fine motor control move onto using brushes or finer tools to create patterns, improving hand-eye coordination and dexterity. Socially, painting can be collaborative and can develop communication skills when children paint alongside their peers. It is an activity that can be carried out indoors or out with painting outdoors facilitating creations on a larger scale or through different mediums such as mud-who doesn't love a mud painting!! Most importantly, painting cultivates a sense of pride and accomplishment, boosting self-esteem as children observe their creations taking shape. We love to display these unique masterpieces!



### What you can do at home:

- Offer your child opportunities to paint at home-this could be 'painting' outdoors with water on a wall or indoors using paint and their fingers or a small brush.
- Keep a set of old 'painting clothes' so that your child can fully immerse themselves in the painting experience!

## Sign of the Week

At the Nursery we teach all children to sign. This supports communication and ensures the communication of all children is valued.

This week's sign is: 'listen'



Listen

Ask any staff member to show you if you are unsure.

# Information / Reminders

## SAD NEWS

Sima will be leaving us at the end of this term. Sima joined us in January 2023 and she has supported the Nursery School Room in her role as Class Teacher. Although she has enjoyed her time at Oxhey Nursery School, she will be relocating to a small primary school in Buckinghamshire much closer to where she lives. Sima will miss all of the staff and children she has worked with whilst being at Oxhey Nursery School. We would like to thank Sima for her hard work and dedication to the children at Oxhey during her time with us.



## WELCOME BACK MAGGIE!

We are delighted to inform you that Maggie will be returning and will take on the Hedgehog group. Many of the children will be familiar with Maggie as she has worked in Nursery school previously. We look forward to welcoming her back in the Summer term.

## VISIT TO ST MATTHEWS CHURCH

Next week we will be focussing on developing the children's understanding of the communities around them and their place in them, as well as their understanding of different religions. This will be based around the upcoming celebrations / observance of Easter, Ramadan and Holi.

On Wednesday we will be taking the children to visit St Matthews church to visit Father Frampton who will share the story of Easter with the children. If you would like to join us for this trip, please let Wendy or your child's keyperson know.

Please note the following:

Morning visit - Dormouse and Robin groups

Afternoon visit - Hedgehog and Woodpecker groups

If you would like to come in to Nursery next week to talk to the children about how you and your family celebrate / observe Easter, Holi or Ramadan please e mail Wendy at [admin@oeyc.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oeyc.herts.sch.uk) or speak to your child's keyperson to arrange this.

## TOTE BAGS

Next week we will be sending tote bags home. Please ensure it is well stocked with named trousers, tops, underwear and socks. Even if your child is now confident using the toilet, they may need changing after getting wet or very messy during play. Please ensure this is returned on your child's return to nursery and is in nursery every day.

## HOME LEARNING PACKS

It has been wonderful to see so many families borrowing the Story Bags and Busy Fingers Packs from the lending library outside main reception. Keygroups in turn are allocated a 5 day loaning period.

**Wednesday 27th March:**

- Busy Fingers Pack- Woodpecker
- Story Bag - Dormouse
- Maths Pack- Hedgehog

## DATES COMING UP

- **Thursday 28th March:** Last day of Spring term
- **Friday 29th March-Monday 15th April-** Spring holidays (school closed)

