

The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 10 MARCH 2023

DEAR PARENTS, PARENTS EVENING

I hope you all enjoyed the opportunity to meet with the class teachers for parent's evenings this week. I hope you found the meetings worthwhile and enjoyed discussing your child's progress.

MRS SYLVESTER AT A HEADTEACHER CONFERENCE.

Mrs Sylvester has been away for two days this week attending a Headteacher Conference. I am sure she will share any news from the busy two days in next week's newsletter.

VISIT FROM HEATHSIDE SCHOOL

Mrs Sylvester was very pleased to welcome the new Headteacher of Heathside School, Nadia Ward, to Broadhurst on Tuesday. Ms Ward joined Heathside School in January this year and is keen to build relations with the local Nursery Schools whose parents may be considering them for Reception. Heathside is a non-selective co-educational prep school in Hampstead. If you are interested to find out more about the school, please visit their website [here](#). Mrs Sylvester has visited the school a couple of times in recent years and would be happy to share her insights to anyone who may be interested.

CREATIVE WIZ KIDS HOLIDAY CAMP

Creative Wiz Kids have various clubs running across the upcoming holidays:

April 3rd-7th & 10th-14th

@ Village Prep School, NW3 2YN

May 29th-June 2nd

@ Village Prep School, NW3 2YN

July 17th-August 25th

@ Village Prep School, NW3 2YN

For more information or to book onto any of the clubs please find more information [here](#).

Mrs Roberts





VISIT FROM ARK FARM

Ark Farm visited Nursery classes with their animals for a talk about animal care. The children had the opportunity to touch rabbits, guinea pigs, chicks, a dog and a gecko. The highlight was stroking an owl called Plop. The children learned that barn owls screech but don't say, "Twit twoo" and that they eat mice and voles. We discussed what animals eat, where they live and how their fur feels. It was very exciting and a wonderful experience.





LET'S TALK ABOUT THE CURRICULUM

BY MRS ROBERTS

THE BENEFITS OF WATER PLAY

Soon, the warmer spring weather will arrive and with that, more opportunities for plenty of outdoor water play. Water play is a staple of the early year's provision and its benefits are wide-reaching across the curriculum.

Fine motor skills

Water play develops children's fine motor skills as they transfer and pour water. They use their arms, hands and wrists to grip utensils to stir the water and hold jugs as they pour water into different containers. Adding items such as pipettes and squeezable bottles helps develop hand and finger strength.

Mathematical Development

Water play encourages children to explore a variety of mathematical concepts including capacity, measurement and problem-solving. Children can fill a number of different-sized containers and discuss which has more or less and which is full or empty.

Communication and Language

Children develop their vocabulary with open-ended activities in the water. They use their words to describe how the water splashes, drips and pours.



Understanding the World

Children can develop their understanding of key concepts when engaging in water play. For example, what happens when water freezes? What happens when ice cubes are added to water? Children can investigate what substances dissolve in water and what happens when you add bubbles to the water.

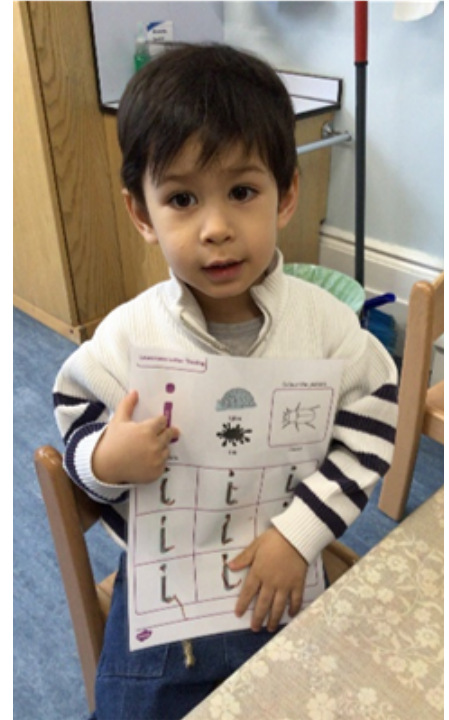
Imaginative play

Adding different resources to water can support imaginative role play. For example, adding teapots and tea bags can encourage the children to pretend they are having a tea party. Adding play boats and dolls can encourage children to add a storyline to their play.



CLASS 3 NEWS

BY MISS CHLOE



PHONICS

In phonics this week, Class 3 have been learning the new letter sound "i". The children have been learning a rhyme to help them pronounce the letter sound. They practised forming the letter by making it with playdough and tracing along with their finger.



MATH

In math's this week, Class 3 have been comparing different sized items and using key vocabulary relating to size. The children ordered objects according to size from smallest to biggest.



LITERACY

In Literacy, Class 3 have been learning all about the Hindu festival of Holi and how it celebrates positive choices and new beginnings. The children enjoyed finding out all about the colourful festival and the exciting paint throwing celebration. Class 3 used a variety of marks to decorate their own t-shirts using colourful paints.