

The Weekly News

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 21 APRIL 2023

DEAR PARENTS, WELCOME TO THE SUMMER TERM

We have been delighted to welcome back the children this week after the Easter holidays and to hear all about their trips and adventures. It struck me how lucky the children are now to have the freedom that had been denied us all through the pandemic. The summer term is certainly my favourite at Broadhurst. We have lots of events to look forward to and the better weather offers us greater opportunities for outdoor learning.

This term, we have planned the outdoor curriculum to offer a breadth of play opportunities across the EYFS. Our staff training day, on Monday, gave the staff the opportunity to plan for the term ahead with some exciting themes and activities to offer. Here are some photos of this week's offering.



SUMMER CONCERTS FOR NURSERY CHILDREN

Concerts will take place week of 19 June. Further details to follow.

PARENTS SURVEY

We have sent out a parent survey to all current parents this week. We would be very interested to hear your views and feedback if you can take a few minutes to complete this. We look forward to hearing from you and considering your responses.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

We are looking forward to welcoming our school photographers, to school, next Wednesday and Thursday. Unfortunately, if you are not in school on your allocated day, we are unable to arrange alternative times for your child's photograph to be taken. As a reminder, the details are:

- Class 1AM, 1PM, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Wednesday 26 April 2023
- Class 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
Thursday 27 April 2023

SPORTS DAY

Wednesday 5 July 10:00am-2:00pm

Sports Day is a fantastic event which takes place for the whole school, at Paddington Recreation Ground. We like to give everyone plenty of warning as we hope that all parents will be able to attend this family event.

Mrs Sylvester

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE CURRICULUM

BY MRS ROBERTS

LIFECYCLES

This time of year is a great time to begin learning all about the life cycles of different plants and animals. Life cycles are a key part of the curriculum area of Understanding the World and encourage curiosity and create awe and wonder.

Life cycles are often fascinating for children and help them to understand how living things grow and change over time. Before Easter, the children were able to learn about the life cycle of a chicken when our school chicks were born and their excitement was palpable.

There are many different life cycles happening during this time of year including:

Caterpillars

Frogs

Plants and flowers

Sheep

There are many signs of life cycles in our natural environment from frog spawn in ponds to bumble bees moving from flower to flower. Highlighting these signs with children can help deepen their understanding of the natural world around them.

Learning about life cycles also introduces children to a plethora of new vocabulary and language. See below our glossary of some key vocabulary used when teaching life cycles.



Life cycles

A series of stages a living thing goes through during its life.

Chrysalis or Cocoon

Houses the insect during its pupal, or resting, stage of development.

Metamorphosis

Is a process some animals go through to become adults. It is a series of physical changes.

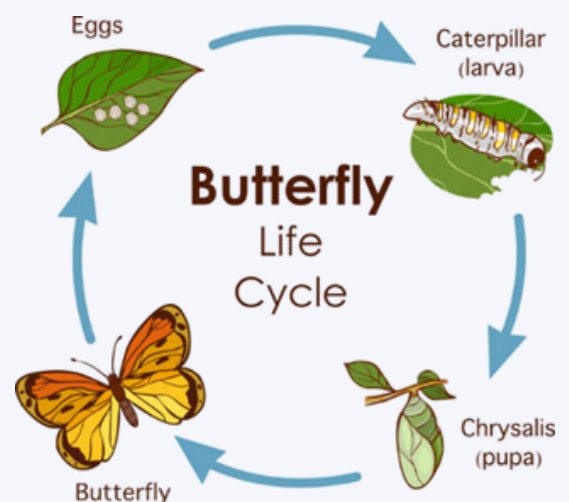
Larva

The word larva is applied to the young of certain animals that must undergo great physical changes before they become adults.

Pollination

How insects help plants to make seeds.

Life cycles are fundamental to the existence of living things. When children investigate and explore life cycles, they develop growing respect towards the environment and living things around them.





CLASS 11 NEWS

BY MRS COPE

The children all had a lovely week back and have been very excited to share their holiday news with us. In Class 11, the children have enjoyed seeing each other and have quickly settled back into their school routine. We have been talking about what we did in the holidays and drawing pictures of our adventures. It was lovely to hear what everyone has been up to.

IN PHONICS...

In phonics this week we learnt the digraph 'ff'; the children said the sound and practised writing it. We also thought of words containing 'ff' and some of us had a go at sounding out and writing the words.

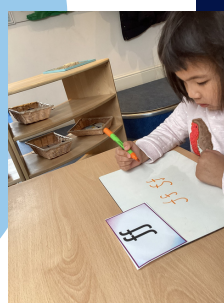
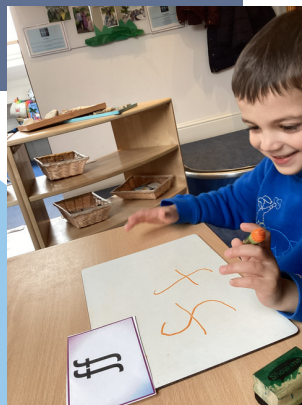
IN MATHS...

In maths we have been learning the names of solid shapes and have been sorting real life items according to their solid shapes. For problem solving we used some water scales and estimated how far up the tube the water would travel.



IN THE GARDEN...

Our new role-play area is a bakery café and the children have loved preparing baked goods for one another, continuing to develop their social and communication skills



Our new topic this term is animals, starting with habitats. For Understanding the World, we matched animals to their habitats and we created wonderful pictures of our favourite animals in art. We have also learnt about the celebration Eid and created a moon picture.

We are all excited for our trip to the fire station on Monday. Have a lovely weekend!