



St John's Green Primary School

First Footsteps

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THIS WEEK:

Class Awards
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DIARY DATES:

Thursday 12th May
Year 1 Colchester Zoo Trip

Wednesday 25th May
Open School 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Monday 30th May– Friday 3rd June - Half Term

Monday 13th June-Friday 17th June - Year 1 Phonic Screening

Sunny Weather


Please don't forget when there is sunny weather children need sun cream and a sun hat.



Lower Phase Reading

Well done Roses who achieved 97% of our 5 times a week reads. The school expectations is that all children read at least five times a week.

Class	% Reading
Star	70%
Jumbo	85%
Chariot	68%
Roses	97%
Eagles	89%
Circus	93%

We  Maths

We are all writers ...



We are growing our learning



Learning in the Foundation Classes

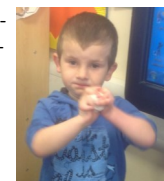


Last Tuesday, when the children came into class they found a bag of magic beans on their class teacher's chair. The beans were used as the stimulus for the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children worked hard at learning this version of the story and creating new story maps.



Then in the afternoon the children had the opportunity to plant their beans and they are all hoping that they will grow their very own giant bean stalks. Last week with the improvement in the weather the children were having their PE sessions outside. During these sessions they have been developing their skills of controlling an object using pushing, kicking, throwing and catching. Dough gym sessions have proved very popular with the children and it has supported their developing of fine and gross motor skills. The children especially liked squeezing, rolling and stretching the dough in time to the music.

In Mathematics the focus was developing subtraction knowledge. The children used a range of concrete and practical resources to develop their knowledge of this concept.



Weekly Awards

Star: Charlie McLaughlin– For the extra effort that he is putting into all of his learning

Chariots: Harrison Elliott– For his fantastic PE skills and his brilliant behaviour at Forest Schools

Jumbo: Gracie Milligan– For her consistently using her developing writing skills at home and at school

Eagles: Lola Butler– For her use of interesting vocabulary and punctuation in her writing

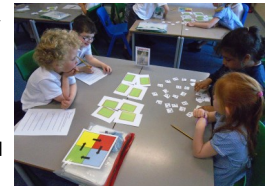
Roses: Brendan Collier– For his improved writing when working with Mrs King in the mornings

Circus: Luke Peters– For the positive effort that he has put into his learning



Learning in the Year 1 Classes

In Numeracy, the Year 1 children were using sheep in fields to solve grouping questions. The children had to use the rule that five sheep could fit in a field to work out how many fields would be needed. For example, the farmer had 20 sheep. The children enjoyed the practical investigation and this followed on from their work using their shoes, and those of their friends, to work out how many pairs/twos could be made from 12/6/14...



Year 1 Phonic Screening

As from this week instead of spellings the Year 1 children will be bringing home a list of real and nonsense words. These words are to support the children's skills of segmenting and blending words in preparation for the Phonic Screening in June. There is also a lot more information on the school website.

Foundation Fence.

The new willow fence has been erected around the Foundation garden and as you can see it looks so much better.

KS1 SATS

The DoE have produced some helpful information for parents about KS1 SATS just copy the link for a film and leaflet answering any questions you may have. www.gov.uk/government/publications/2016-national-curriculum-tests-for-key-stages-1-and-2-information-for-parents

Foundation Forest Schools



The children had another active and fun time at Forest Schools last week. We were very lucky and spotted two deer in the woods and then the children found deer footprints in the mud. As well as going on a mini-beast hunt, they used saws, hand drills and old pieces of wood to make Forest School medallions, bows and arrows. These were used to retell the story of Robin Hood. The children also had the opportunity to take part in the stream dipping and investigate the wildlife that lives in the stream.



A big thank you to Mr Bromley who adapted our trolley which is used to carry our equipment to the woods, into a more appropriate Forest School theme. The children all thought it looked fantastic.



UNICEF FOR CHANGE

On Friday 13th May we will be holding a non-uniform day in aid of UNICEF. The day for change is about raising awareness of UNICEF's vital work to protect millions of children who have been affected by violence, abuse, disease, hunger, war and disaster. Please bring your loose change in for the collection buckets and wear the colour blue (no fancy dress just blue clothing please) Thank you for supporting this cause.



On Thursday 12th May the Year 1 children will be visiting Colchester Zoo. The children will be travelling by coach to the zoo and will be learning at 9.15am and returning to school by 3.00pm. Please ensure your child is suitably dressed for the changeable weather.

