



PRENTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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PRE-SCHOOL SPRING NEWS

Time seems to have flown by during the first half of this term. We have enjoyed getting to know our new friends, Gurpriya and Milla, who have settled in extremely well and have been made to feel welcome by the other children.



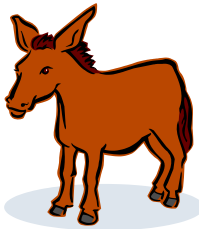
Animals

Our topic for this half-term has been animals.



At the start of the topic we discussed with the children what they already know about animals and decided what they would like to learn.

The list included pets, farm animals, jungle animals, baby animals, the Gruffalo and the Gruffalo's Child. We set up an animal hospital in the role-play area, where the children could learn about looking after animals and making them better.

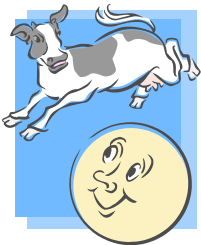


On our trip to Tam O'Shanter's Farm, we saw lots of different farm animals which included Jacko the donkey and his friend, Arnie the pony and we bought some food in the cafe to feed the chickens.

It was a very cold and frosty morning so we did not stay as long as we would have liked to, but we had lots of fun while we were there.

Our trip to the Library

Once again the children in Pre-School enjoyed their trip to the Library. It was exciting for Belle, Gurpriya and Milla because they had not been before. We sang songs and Nursery Rhymes and had stories about animals before getting back on the minibus and heading back to school. Our next visit to the Library will be on Wednesday, 22nd February 2012.



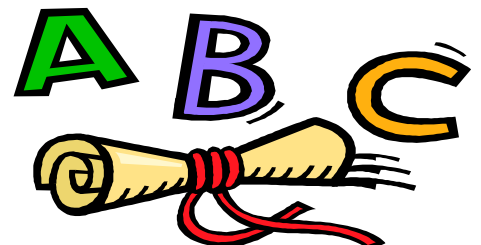
Next Half-Term

Our topic will be Nursery Rhymes. We are looking forward to finding out what the children's favourite Nursery Rhymes are and focusing upon them. At the same time we will be introducing them to new rhymes that they may not have heard before.

Sound Table

We will continue with the sound table next half-term, concentrating on the following sounds:-

- Monday 20/02/12 — f
- Monday 27/02/12 — b
- Monday 05/03/12 — j
- Monday 12/03/12 — z
- Monday 19/03/12 — w



We are looking forward to our Spring Walk in Birkenhead Park on the 22nd March 2012. We hope the weather will be much improved by then.

KINDERGARTEN SPRING NEWS

Our theme for this half-term has been Earth and Beyond. The topic has really grasped the children's imaginations. We have enjoyed a wealth of Alien and other space stories, including the one that Mrs. Kelly introduced us to during our library visit, namely QPootle5!



The children have also learned that facts and information can be found in non-fiction books.

We visited Spaceport and saw astronauts' suits and models of rockets. The film show was interesting and most of the children had a ride on a simulator, that was very thrilling!



Chef Academy visited school with lots of information about "balanced diets" and eating "power" foods for exercising. The children looked the part in their caps and aprons. They listened very well, answering chef's questions, with prizes of fresh fruit to eat. Everyone made an Olympic Power Salad to take home and share with their family.

Next half-term our theme will be water. We will learn how essential it is to us and consider what rain is and where it comes from as we learn a basic water cycle.

Next term also brings Open Day, 3rd March; another K.G. library visit, 12th March and the Easter Eggstravaganza, 16th March.

Chinese New Year — The Year of the Dragon

To celebrate Chinese New Year, together, Pre-School and Kindergarten enjoyed a Chinese banquet. The children sampled rice and noodles and other Chinese nibbles but particularly enjoyed the prawn crackers which were very tasty and popular. They also used chop sticks which proved great fun.

To continue the theme Years 1 and 2 held a Chinese New Year Assembly which Pre-School and K.G. children thought was wonderful. The colourful Lion was the star of the show and held the children mesmerised.



Happy Birthday



"Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday dear children,
Happy birthday to you".

Hip, Hip, Hooray



The following children have had or will be looking forward to having lots of fun celebrating their birthdays over this term :

Pre-School

Gurpriya Dhillon, 12th January
Jacob Clements-Bedson, 1st March
Scott Heffey, 3rd March

Kindergarten

Grace Barry, 25th January
Kaitlyn Ha, 6th March

There are lots of exciting events taking place over the next half-term so please make a note for your diaries.

Wed	22 02 12	10.45 P.S. trip to Woodchurch Library
Mon	27 02 12	Science Week
Wed	29 02 12	09.00 F.S. Assembly — for the school only
Sat	03 03 12	Open Morning 10.00 - 1 2.30
Mon	05 03 12	P.S. - Year 4 Parents' Evening
Wed	07 03 12	P.S. - Year 4 Parents' Evening
Mon	12 03 12	09.00 K.G. visit Ridgeway Library
Wed	14 03 12	10.45 P.S. visit to Woodchurch Library
Fri	16 03 12	18.00 Easter Eggstravaganza at school
Mon—Fri	19-23 03 12	15.30 Book Fair in the school hall
Thur	22 03 12	09.30 P.S. Spring Walk in Birkenhead Park
Wed	28 03 12	School finishes for Easter Holiday
Tues	17 04 12	Children return to school for the Summer term

**We wish you all a very happy and relaxing
half-term holiday and look forward to seeing
the children again on
Monday, 20th February 2012.**

