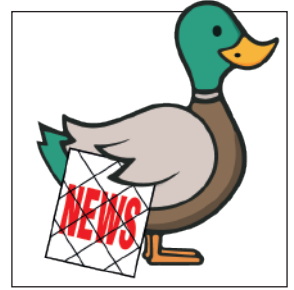




# DERBY STREET

# NEWS FLASH



**JULY 2024**

## LOOK WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING...

We have all loved observing our Caterpillar tree outside in the garden. We have been following the life cycle of our caterpillars and in the past couple of months we have watched them turn from eggs into wiggly caterpillars. They have now formed in to cocoons at the bottom of the tree and we can't wait to watch them fly away as beautiful butterflies.

We want to thank all parents who turned up to our stay and play and afternoon tea sessions for Father's Day. We had a lovely day spending it with everyone involved, and we have loved talking about what we did together with our family's as we celebrated both Father's Day and Eid. We would also like to thank everyone who brought in some different and exotic fruits and vegetables for our healthy eating week, we loved exploring them together, learning new names and having a little taste test.

The Little Lambs have loved their book 'Teddy bear, Teddy bear' and have had a lovely day taking part in a teddy bears picnic where they have dressed up in their comfy pyjamas, brought in a bear from home, took part in some real cake baking along with some mud pie creating in the outdoors before enjoying their afternoon tea. The children have been reading the hungry caterpillar story, and they went on a caterpillar hunt, tasted new fruits and explored fruits with paint.

The Ducklings have been really engaged with their book with a hook 'Mini beasts'. We have been exploring different creatures and taking part in lots of fun activities. We have been using pincers to pick out the spaghetti worms and counted them in to our buckets. We built a bug hotel outside and check every day to see what creatures have gone inside, and we have found ways in which we could save insects that were stuck in ice and used our magnifying glasses to hunt for bugs in the garden.

The Farmers have focused on healthy eating and hygiene. They loved looking at all the different exotic fruits that got brought in for us, and they especially liked the dragon fruit and were fascinated with the big spikes. We learnt about what is good for our bodies and how we need to look after ourselves. The children also enjoyed the book 'The Dentist'. We have done lots of activities around tooth brushing, learning new songs, used our dentist role play and game bag and spoke about our visits to the dentist. We had lots of fun celebrating the King's birthday, and we took part in activities linking to London. We made a big London map, looked at Buckingham palace and we learnt the King's name and looked at pictures of his Family. We made party hats and then had a lovely party tea as we sang happy birthday.

We have also restarted Forest School sessions in Roch Valley. Our first week was very successful and we had such an amazing adventure learning a lot about nature and the world around us.

## WHAT WE WILL BE DOING NEXT .....

We will be focusing on heuristic play and creating new heuristic baskets and creating a calm space within a new room for heuristic play to take place



## Dates for the Diary:

**THURSDAY 18TH JULY – SCHOOL LEAVERS GRADUATION EVENING**  
More information to follow

**SATURDAY 20TH JULY – SUMMER FAIR**  
More information to follow

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