

Hazelbury Primary School

Reception News Summer One



Thank you to everyone who has updated their 'All About Me' section on Tapestry and uploaded photos from your spring holidays! It has been lovely to see the fun that was had by everyone!

This half term our topic will be '*Where do animals live?*' We will be learning all about animals and the different environments they live in, and looking at our planet and how to look after it in order to ensure we are protecting our wildlife. This will help the children begin to develop their geographical awareness, they will begin to use maps to gain an understanding of the world we live in, and explore the continents and countries that different animals originate from. They will get to have a first-hand experience of animals during our educational visit to the zoo this half-term!

The children will also have the opportunity to learn about other cultures as we will learn about Ramadan and how it is celebrated. We will continue with our learning in the outdoor learning garden so please ensure children have clothing that is appropriate for the weather, e.g. wet suits.

Celebrating Achievements

The children made fantastic progress last half-term. They developed their mathematical vocabulary in many different contexts, engaging in different practical activities, such as measuring how tall they were. They developed scientific language during science week when they participated in a variety of experiments. This included learning about friction, discovering what materials allow cars to travel faster down the ramps, and creating their own potions. They learnt about healthy and unhealthy food, made their own healthy pizzas, and enjoyed "baking" in the mud kitchen.



Why Not Try This at Home?!

To continue with the topic at home you may like to visit the farm or the aquarium to see some other animals in their different habitats. A visit to the library might be fun, and reading some non-fiction books to find out some more information about different animals and their habitats. Talk about litter and how to keep their environment clean – you could set up a small recycling corner to support this at home, e.g. a box for them to put paper in to put in the recycling bin, etc.

Please reinforce the Makaton signs learnt so far, and don't forget to add any photos to Tapestry!

Top Tips for Talking:

Be careful with questions: when adults use comments and prompts rather than questions, children join in and talk a lot more.

Get their attention: when children are absorbed in another activity, it can be hard to listen. Say their name first to get their attention and make sure they are listening.

Makaton Signs:

Please see this month's signs and practise these with your child at home.

Watch and learn the signs with Singing Hands!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d01s4zgCq7g>

Key Info:

Please send spare clothes in with your child to leave in their locker in case of a toileting accident and a water bottle with their name clearly labelled on it.

Friday 26th April: Family Friday

Thursday 2nd May: Polling Day – School Closed

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday

Monday 13th May: Kew Class to Whipsnade Zoo

Tuesday 14th May: Richmond Class to Whipsnade Zoo

Wednesday 15th May: Alexandra Class to Whipsnade Zoo

Thursday 16th May: Greenwich Class to Whipsnade Zoo

Friday 17th May: Aspiration Day

WB 20th May: Walk to school week

Tuesday 21st May: Reception Singing Showcase 9:30am and 2:15pm Oak Hall

Thursday 23rd May: Hyde Class to Hertfordshire Zoo

Friday 24th May: Family Friday

Friday 24th May: Last day of half term

Where Can You Find Us?

If you would like to keep up to date with what is happening within school then you can find us using the apps and website below.



Instagram Username:
hazelbury_school



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School Website:
www.hazelbury-primary-school.co.uk