

Sunbeams Newsletter 14



FORTNIGHT COMMENCING 27TH APRIL

Latest News

Welcome back: Our new topic is **Wild Things**, the children have begun exploring the wonderful world of wildlife, including animals, plants, and insects. A key focus throughout this topic will be life cycles, helping children to understand how living things grow, change, and develop over time. As part of this learning, the children have already enjoyed watching the baby blue tits through the school video link, which has sparked lots of curiosity and discussion. We have also planted seeds and will be observing them closely as they grow. We are also excited to have some tiny caterpillars in class and look forward to raising butterflies. If anyone has a butterfly house that we could borrow for when our butterflies hatch it would be gratefully received.



Tapestry observations will focus more on the other areas of the Early Years curriculum, including: Mathematics, Literacy, Understanding the World and Expressive Art and Design.

Sports day & Feeling Good Week: The week commencing 18th of May is Feeling Good week. We will be learning about things that are good for our bodies. On Thursday 21st May Sunbeams will hold their Sports day (weather permitting) on the Stepgates School field at 2pm. This will be a separate event to the rest of the school's sports day which will be held in the morning. If your child does not normally do this session you can still bring them to the field to take part. We will be asking for volunteers to walk us down to the field the week commencing the 11th May

Important Dates

Easter holidays - Mon 30th March to Fri 10th April

1st May - FOSS second hand uniform sale

4th May - Bank Holiday - School closed

21th May - Sports Day

Fri 22nd May - INSET Day - School closed

Half Term - Mon 25th to Fri 29th May

Wed 15th July Sunbeams 2 Graduation

Fri 17th July - Well Done Assembly

Wed 22nd July - Last day of Summer term

Fortnightly Phonics

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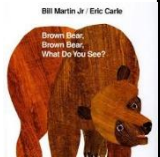
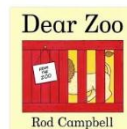
What phoneme (sound) do these make? Can you hear these phonemes in someone's name you know?

MATHS OF THE FORTNIGHT

comparisons between objects
Patterns (ABAB)

Books and Rhymes

Brown Bear Brown Bear
Brown Bear
Dear Zoo
5 Little Monkeys



How to Get Involved at Home

You can support learning at home by:
Going on nature walks and spotting insects, birds, or plants

- Talking about changes you notice (new leaves, flowers, bugs)
- Reading stories about animals or nature
- Encouraging children to care for plants or observe garden wildlife

Small conversations at home make a big difference to children's understanding and confidence.

We would also be very grateful for any donations of **boxes of tissues**, which we use regularly. Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Where to find information.

Please use our website to find out key dates, including term times and INSET days

<https://www.stepgateschool.co.uk>

Who to contact:

To report absence, late pick up or collection information or other urgent information.) office@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk

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