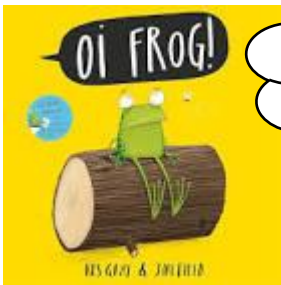




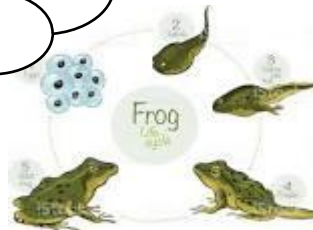
Ducklings Newsletter February 2024

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed the half term break thank you to those of you who have shared photos on Tapestry the children have enjoyed sharing these this week. This half term the children will be exploring our wonderful world, growth and change. The children will learn about both flora and fauna linked to springtime. In maths the children will be exploring measures, this will encourage development of mathematical concepts and offer opportunity to use and extend their mathematical vocabulary. The children continue to develop their listening and attention skills, this half term our exploration of sounds will be rhythm and rhyme. We will regularly include rhyming books as part of the daily book-sharing session.

The Artist we will be learning this half term is Andy Goldsworthy as an extension to our work on transient art!



We will also be observing lifecycles in our school pond.



Understanding the World, 3-4 Years:

Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.



As we explore growth and change we are excited to welcome some new visitors to our class room in the coming weeks. We have ordered some caterpillars! The children will develop their scientific investigations, building upon their understanding of lifecycles.

The children will explore several key texts including 'Lots of Frogs', 'The bad seed', 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', which I am sure they will be recalling at home in no time. I wonder if you can find any of these at Bromsgrove Library, or even find a copy at home?



School applications for Reception 2024 are now closed, Bromsgrove Schools are often oversubscribed and you may not get allocated your first choice, you will receive your school offer in April, once received you will need to accept or decline the place.



Understanding the World, 3-4 Years:

Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.

Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.



The children enjoyed learning about Lunar new year applying new knowledge across their child-initiated play.

As we move into Spring we will continue to go to Forest School on a Monday morning, we will aim to add an additional session in the summer term, to ensure the children that have not yet accessed these sessions will have the opportunity to do so. Please check that the wellies provided in September are still the correct sizing and consider if warmer waterproofs could be swapped for thinner ones. Please ensure all clothing is labelled. The children will continue to enjoy campfire cooking each week as part of these sessions.



Support for Families

We are aware the cost of living continues to have an impact on our children and families, especially over school holidays. As a school we are keen to support where we can. We are able to support you with food parcels to those finding it difficult financially. We also have nappies and uniform available if these would help with rising costs let Miss Bailey know.



Stay and Play!



We are excited to reintroduce our weekly stay and play sessions these will run each Thursday morning **9-9.45am**. This will be an opportunity for you to join us in Nursery and get a glimpse of our Nursery routines and the activities on offer. The first session will be next week and will focus on sowing seeds and preparing our vegetable patch. If we have any experts among us, or you are in a position to offer seeds, soil or biodegradable pots please let Miss Bailey know. We are aware that work commitments may impede you from attending therefore these sessions will be weekly to allow opportunity for you to attend.



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Instead of dressing as a favourite book character, we are inviting the children to decorate an item however they like, as long as it relates to a book they love. The idea is that you select an item such as a paper plate, pebble, wooden spoon.



Vaccination UK have been instructed by NHSE to administer the MMR vaccination to all school aged children who are outstanding one or both doses. The MMR would have been given at the age of 1 year and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months. There has been an outbreak of Measles in the West Midlands which have been on the rise within the last few weeks. If your child is outstanding one or both doses of the MMR, please contact their office on 01527 390030 to make an appointment.

There has been several confirmed cases of Chicken Pox in school this week. Chickenpox is common and mostly affects children, but you can get it at any age. It usually gets better by itself after 1 to 2 weeks without needing to see a GP. Please find more information at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Thank you for your continued support this half term,

Miss Bailey and the Nursery Team

