



Friday 20th March

We have really enjoyed learning about the planets in our solar system this week, the children have been full of enthusiasm and have asked really great questions in their classes this week! Next week we will be staying with the theme of space with more of a focus on space machines like rockets and rovers.



Phonics

This week, we have assessed the children's retained knowledge of individual sounds, tricky words and blending ability. The children are really working hard to segment and blend increasingly challenging words.

Reading

A reminder that the e-collins books are always available and updated every term with new books which you can explore with your child alongside their physical reading book from school.

Maths

This week, we have been looking at 2D shapes and how they can join together to make 3D shapes. Next week we will be focussing on repeating patterns, starting with everyday objects and shapes before exploring how numbers follow a pattern to strengthen our understanding of counting numbers beyond 20.



Library Visits

A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend our library stay and play sessions, the children really enjoyed the experience of exploring outside our school grounds and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to share lots of books with your children.

Easter Bonnet Parade

A reminder that we would like all children to create an Easter bonnet at home and bring it into school on **Thursday 26th March** for a special Easter bonnet procession around the school. Please send children in normal uniform with their Easter bonnets clearly named.

On the next page are ideas for different easter bonnets styles.

Morning drop-offs

We are noticing an increase in children bringing toys from home during morning drop-offs. While these can seem like a comfort for children, in our experience these can make the drop-offs more challenging for children as they struggle to step away from their toys. We would recommend leaving toys at home to help encourage the children to come into school quickly and calmly. Once the children step through the door, they are always very quick to settle into their first activities of the day.

