

# Foundation News

February 2018

## Elsewhere in School...

- Our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Tables Tennis Teams both won their events at the Rising Stars Table Tennis Festival.
- Year 1 took part in an exciting science workshop, learning how to test the properties of a range of materials and group them in different ways.
- As part of their work on persuasive writing, Year 3/4 were challenged to apply to become *Star Command Cadets* and took on a series of mental and physical challenges. Year 5, meanwhile, have completed a spy training assault course to inspire their writing.
- Our Y5/6 Girls and Mixed Netball teams have both been in regular action, with both sides currently undefeated in their leagues.
- Our window walling project is nearly finished, with all the doors and windows now installed.

## What we've been doing this term...

### The Three Billy Goats Gruff

We've had an incredibly busy half-term, exploring the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff and using it to inspire our learning, work and play across the curriculum. We have learnt the story by heart, making up our own actions to help us to memorise it, and have acted it out as a class and in groups. We have also innovated new characters and tried to retell the story with our new creatures and people - which have included unicorns, tigers, chickens and giraffes who all want to cross the bridge! We have also used the story as a base for our learning in maths, exploring the different sizes, heights and weights of animals, ourselves and objects around us!



## Child Initiated Learning

Throughout the term, we have had the chance to try out a huge range of activities, linked to our topics, learning and interests, which change every day to reflect our interests, suggestions and learning needs. As a result, many of us have made fantastic progress over the last few months, with our language and listening skills improving particularly well. We always look forward to finding out what new activities have appeared in our rooms each day, and are also keen to find new ways to explore, use and play with the equipment and resources around us.

We have picked out a few of our favourite moments from this half-term to share with you on these pages...



Acting out The Three Billy Goats Gruff



Ates explores the colour changers



Sasza pretends to be the troll



Maya builds words with the magnets



Frayah measures how many spoons a cup can hold



Davy plays with the action figures

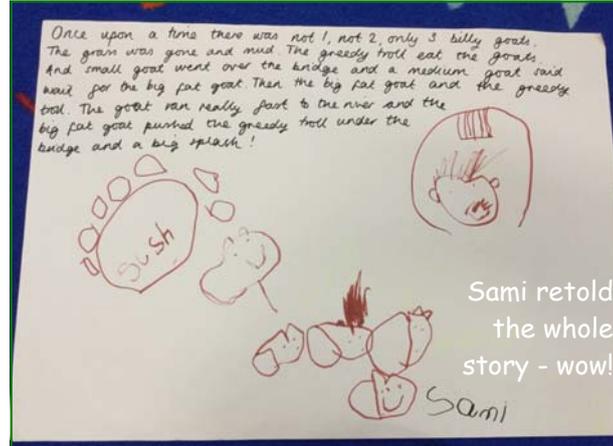


Making bubbles on a windy day

## Notices



Frayah and Amber read stories about witches



Sami retold the whole story - wow!



Trip Trap Trip Trap over the bridge...



Jahrell plays as the big goat!



Faith counting camels



Kamila being a teacher to take a photo



Theo playing in homecorner



Marnie and Jihan playing jigsaws



Tyler using magnets

- With the colder weather showing no sign of going away, please make sure your child comes to school with a named coat and gloves - we go outside in all weathers!
- Please ensure that all clothes are named to avoid mix ups during PE.
- We will continue changing library books every Wednesday in Nursery and every Friday in Reception. Please try to read with your child at least three times a week.
- A big thank-you to everyone who has contributed £1 towards our weekly cooking and snack, helping to enrich our learning further. This will continue after half-term, so please remember to contribute each week.

## Diary Dates

12th-16th February  
Half-term

21st February  
Year 5/6 Sportshall  
Athletics

2nd March  
Inset day - school  
closed

23rd - 25th March  
Year 6 PGL trip

29th March  
End of Spring Term

17th April  
Start of Summer  
Term

14th - 18th May  
Y6 SATs Week

21st - 25th May  
Y2 SATs Week

28th May - 1st June  
Half-term

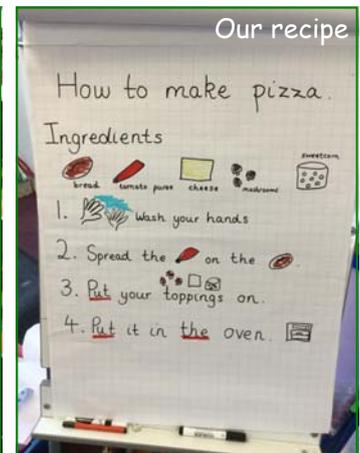
20th July  
End of Summer Term

# Visiting the shops...

All of us in Butterfly class were so excited when the day came to go to the shops! We had already written our lists about what we wanted to buy for the troll and decided as class that he would like... pizza (of course!) So, one Thursday morning we walked down to Bedwell shops and tracked down the ingredients we needed to make something that the mean troll would find totally irresistible! We all enjoyed exploring all of the different shops, labels and prices on the food, and spent lots of time talking about the things we buy and eat at home. Once we had purchased our ingredients we then headed back to school, where we made our pizzas and wrote-up our recipes.



Buying ingredients for our pizzas



Our recipe

How to make pizza.

### Ingredients

bread tomato puree cheese mushrooms sweetcorn

1. Wash your hands
2. Spread the tomato puree on the bread
3. Put your toppings on.
4. Put it in the oven.



James adds the cheese...



Looking carefully at different types of shops



Najah enjoyed making her pizza



Zaara helps to buy the food



Amber puts her pizza together