



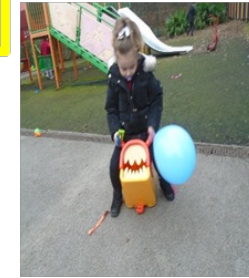
Welcome to our Brookfields School Spring Term  
Newsletter 2024

# Butterflies



We have really enjoyed our 'Bucket Therapy' sessions.

Our Spring topic was 'Animals and their Habitats' and 'Spring Festivals'.



We explored the following animals and their habitats: jungle, farm, pets/around our homes and in our outdoor areas .

We ended the term exploring Spring festivals such as Mother's Day, Purim, Holi and Easter.





This term we have enjoyed our topic of 'Animals'. We have looked at the colors and characteristics of birds, jungle animals, arctic creatures, zoo species, pets in our home, under-the-water sea animals, and minibeasts in our school. We have explored these animals through lots of sensory explorations and experiences along with some field work of nature walks and bug house making. This term has seen an improvement in weather which has allowed us to build stronger relationships with our adults and peers outside, using our new bikes and outdoor equipment to work on our physical development.





This term we have been learning through the theme *Into The Woods We Go*. We have enjoyed going for local walks and making our own nature tables. We enjoyed crafting and painting our favourite woodland animals and exploring stories and toys. We have continued to work on our communication skills and have loved dressing as our favourite book characters for World Book Day!

This term we have also enjoyed music lessons with Eleanor, we love to explore the instruments.

As part of our PSHE learning we have been learning how to look after animals, we enjoyed role playing being a vet and visited and fed the squirrels in the park.

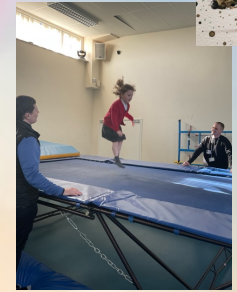


Have a lovely Easter from Stacey, Coleen, Alice, Karen and Kayleigh

# Hedgehogs



We loved accessing rebound, music therapy and karate this term!



We focused on our houses and homes topic; we are great builders!

We enjoyed exploring houses all around the world and animal homes.



During British Science Week we looked at time. We used torches to explore shadows and looked at how the seasons changed.



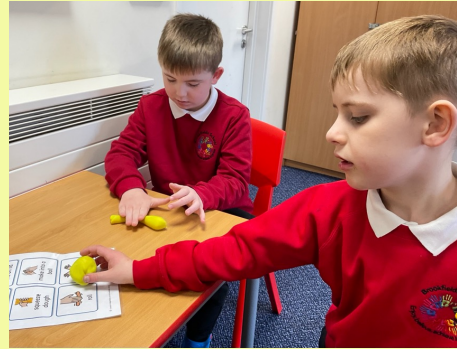
Have a lovely Easter Hedgehogs and families 😊



This term Squirrels have been very busy. Our topic has been 'homes and houses'. We have looked at all types of different houses. we went out on the minibus to look at different houses and during our PHSE lessons we have been practising jobs that we can do at home. We have been cleaning tables, vacuumed the classroom and we put the rubbish in different bins including our recycling bin.

We thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day and had great fun dressing up and reading our favourite stories including this term 'Owl babies' and 'The tiger that came to tea'. To end the school term Squirrels had a great day out at Acorn farm. We saw the baby lambs and fed various animals. What a treat to see the baby animals at the start of Spring!

**Squirrels team wishes everyone a lovely Easter.**



This term in Woodpeckers we have been reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk', answering questions about the story, making pictures, plus creating our own beanstalks from dough and construction. When celebrating World Book Day, there was dressing up, playing with the puppets, family visitors popping in for the Teddy Bears picnic, as well as opportunities to enjoy all the different books. In class we have continued to work on our communication tasks as well as having great fun through the Attention Autism sessions. Within thinking and problem solving we have been exploring shapes as well as measurement and capacity; making containers full and empty, then predicting which container holds the most, before trying out our ideas. Learning to play and take turns alongside our classmates has also been an important focus throughout this year too.

***Wishing you a Happy Easter from the Woodpeckers Team***

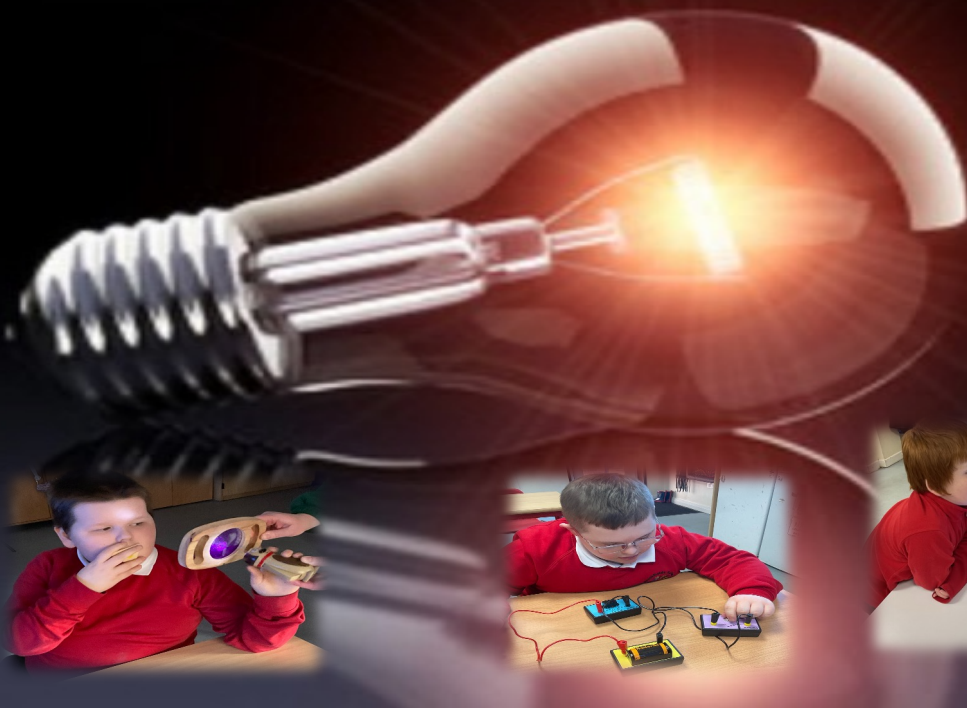


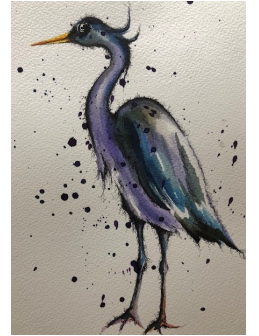


Kingfishers have loved the topic Secret Garden. We have been exploring different types of flowers, plants and leaves. We have thought about minibeasts by completing lots of different fine motor activities. We also loved our class story, Jack and the Beanstalk! HAPPY EASTER!



This term, Seals class have been learning about 'Shining Lights' as our topic. We have been exploring what we use electricity for, how to be safe when using electric items as well as visiting the wind turbines to learn about how electricity can be made. As part of our topic, we also investigated Iceland and discovered that some parts of it look like England, but we may not see the Northern Lights!!

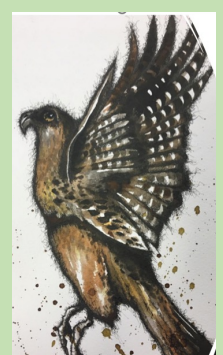
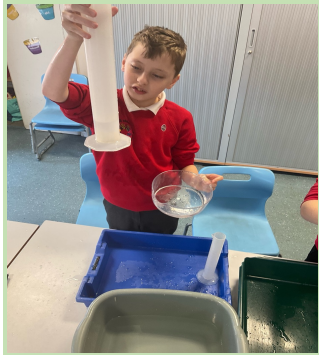




From Herons

This term the OT, Catherine has been running a sensory food group in Heron's class on Friday mornings. The class have been really brave, in handling, smelling and tasting new foods. In DT we made microwave meringues as part of our strawberry theme, and the pupils tasted both the strawberries and meringues! Our topic theme has been 'On the Farm' and our class enjoyed trips to the animal enclosure at Walton Gardens and Acorn Farm. As always, our class have enjoyed lots of stories.





Hawks have had a brilliant Spring Term! We have been very busy and took part in lots of educational visits, workshops and theme days. Our favourite things have been the Live Music performance, World Book Day and a visit to Knowsley Safari Park. Some of us were lucky enough to perform a Midsummer Night's Dream at Norton Priory and represented Brookfields at Everton's Sports Day!





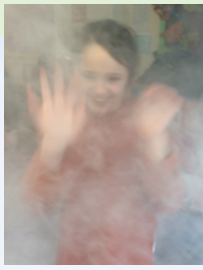
Otters class have been learning all about the farm this term! We have been learning about food chains and lifecycles of different animals. We even conducted our own research to create lifecycles of animals we wanted to know more about! We were very proud of our work so presented our findings to our peers and Sara!

As part of our topic, we have also compared farming in Ancient Egypt to farming in the UK, today. We discovered that there were a lot of similarities - it was really interesting to see the differences too!

We have been extra busy with our extra curricular activities this term too: Cheshire cricket, Festival! Music performance, Cheshire fire service visit amongst many more!

Have a wonderful Easter!  
Otters class team =)



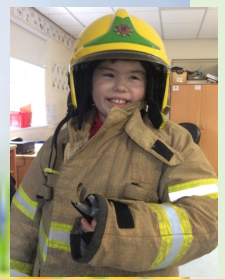


# Owls

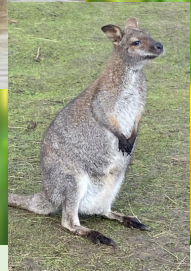
Spring term has been a busy one in Owls class! We have been learning about People who help us, particularly those in the Emergency services. We really enjoyed a visit from Cheshire Fire service, who showed us their uniforms, a smoke machine, the infrared camera, as well as the Fire Engine of course!

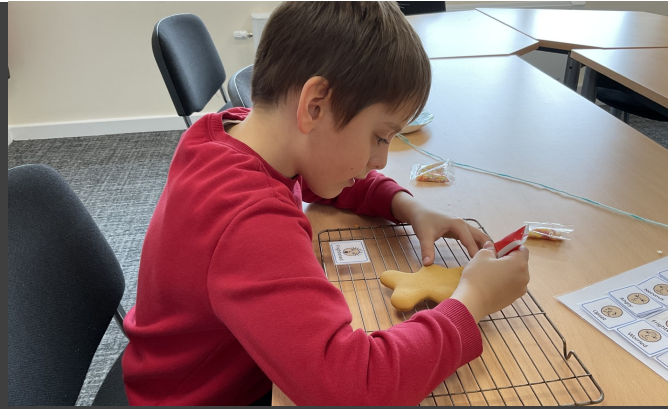


We have also been busy crafting, making items to sell at the Enterprise Showcase at Aintree Racecourse. We loved our visit to Peak Wildlife Park, where we walked with the Wallabies and saw the Polar bears! We have enjoyed music with Eleanor and even played some table cricket!



Wishing you all a very Happy Easter, with love from the Owls team, Sarah, Zoe, Jack and Leanne xx





- Hello from the ELSA team! Our Wednesday afternoon sessions have continued to go from strength to strength.
- Throughout the Spring Term pupils have been working on recognising their emotions and realising that our emotions need to be checked on throughout the day. We have looked at different scenarios and situations and how we may feel in these instances. We have also been taught that our emotions and feelings are validated and if we need help to express them it is 'ok' to ask for help.
- Other sessions have focused on us as individuals and how we see ourselves. I think we can all agree at times its easier to find the negatives within ourselves, but a session was undertaken with the group and we thought about 'what we are good at?', 'what is my special talent?' and 'what am I proud of?'.
- A very popular session was our Yoga and Mindfulness. The pupils really got involved with the Yoga poses and really channeled their breathing to be able to focus and get further into the stretch. They quickly realized to be able to complete the poses correctly they needed to focus on the 'here and now'.
- We also continue to offer support to parents at home by sending social stories, emotion work packs and guides on meditation (if you feel your son/daughter may benefit from any support at home please contact us via the main office).
- Myself and Jody continue to check in with our ELSA teams and this really is beneficial to our practice to continue our own personal development and through this we can offer the very best support to our pupils.
- Wishing you and your family a 'cracking' Easter.
- Sarah and Jody