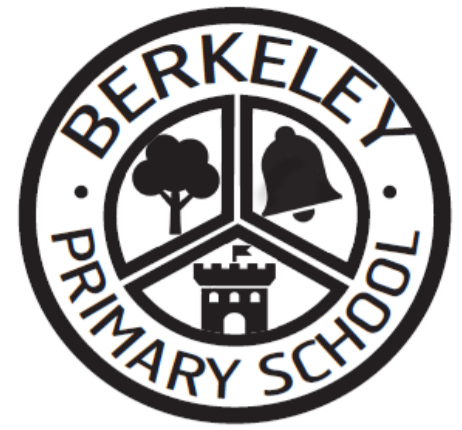




Little Jesters



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NEWSLETTER

Calendar Dates

Monday 28th February 2022

Term 4 Begins

Thursday 3rd March 2022

World Book Day Dress Up

Friday 11th March 2022

Non-uniform Day (BFG)

Monday 21st March 2022

Inset Day

Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Little Jesters Parents Evening

Thursday 24th March 2022 and Thursday 31st March 2022

Reception Parents Evening

Monday 28th March 2022

Reception Learning Look In 9-9:30am

Friday 8th April 2022

End of Term 4

Monday 25th April 2022

Term 5 Begins



We have had a very busy term in EYFS. The children have been absolute superstars and have taken off with their learning. It is lovely to start to see some sunshine appearing in the afternoons and some signs that Spring is on its way. We hope the children enjoy a well deserved rest over half term and look forward to seeing them after the holiday. Spring 2 is set to be another busy term starting with World Book Week the first week back. We will take part in book week activities in both Reception and Little Jesters so keep an eye out for these on our blogs.



Reception Highlights

Reception started the term by learning about Dinosaurs. We looked at the life of Mary Anning and found out about Palaeontologists and fossils. The children loved learning facts about dinosaurs and enjoyed lots of provision based around this.



We then moved onto learning about life under the sea. We found out about animals that live under the sea and how they are adapted to living in their environment. We also learnt about the planet Earth and how it is made up of land and oceans. We ended the term learning about Pirates and found out about how Pirates lived long ago and how they live in some countries now!



We also spent a week learning about the Lunar New Year and the children loved learning about the Year of the Tiger and the traditional ways that Lunar New Year is celebrated.

Next term our topic is Cotswold in Bloom and we will be learning about our local area of Berkeley. We will find out about our community and the services available within it. We will also be planting and growing in our garden and finding out how to look after plants. We will continue to follow the children's interests within our planning and see where the term takes us!

Little Jesters Highlights

This term Little Jesters have been exploring "Under the sea" and the "Arctic". We started with the Arctic theme, looking at the animals from this habitat, studying the temperature of the Arctic fitting in with our winter, experimenting ice, waiting for objects to freeze over night.

We then moved onto our next topic "under the sea". This included us turning our role play area into a mermaids paradise, with hair props to play with our 'luscious locks' like a mermaid, dressing up as mermaids. We have all been apart of our Topic board. This has been made to collate and show off the children's fantastic creations of an arctic section with our northern lights paintings, and igloo brick printing. Then under the sea with decorated mermaid tails, rainbow octopus chain linking, crab hand printing...There is also a section for pirates where we have made treasure



maps and pirate ships. The Little Jesters team had a little move around inside, opening up the more used areas for more space and to engage the other areas to be used more effectively. We have moved our home corner making it more spacious, as research shows it is important



to have a permanent home corner as it **"allows children to make sense of their immediate world"**. This then got decorated as a "Pirates Café" where the children enjoyed the café role play with menus, serving and cooking. Next term we will be looking at fairy tales, castles and space.

Parent / Teacher Meetings

As you can see from the calendar dates above our parents evening appointments are approaching for both Little Jesters and Reception. These will take place online and you will be sent more information regarding this from the school office. These meetings are really important as it gives us a chance to feedback on your child's learning and for you to raise any concerns or ask any questions you may have. We encourage every parent to book an appointment to discuss their child's progress.

Thank you for your continued support! From The EYFS Team