

Steam Mills Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Hope you and all the family have enjoyed a relaxing and choccy filled Easter break?!

This term we will welcome Freddie, Carter, Cooper and Nori to the Steam Mills Preschool family xx

Last term.....

To introduce our loose theme of recycling and looking after our environment we read the story *Litterbug Doug*, where superhero Michael Recycle helps Doug to clear up his mess! We took 'Michael Recycle' to lunch every day in way of a bucket, to recycle our packets and wrappers- creating our eco bottles.

We talked about recycling and the children looked out for their recycling bins at home and talked about what we could recycle, why and what happens.



The children continued to love playing with number....



To celebrate Mother's Day, we shared lots of nonfiction stories and talked about what we love most about our own mums and nans. We chatted about the different names we used for our nans too.

The children created cards using their hand and finger prints to make beautiful flowers. They got very busy making marks, adding sparkly collage, decorating envelopes and forming some letters from their names





At the end of term, we looked at and celebrated Easter- reading the Easter story, tasting hot cross buns and making 'stained glass' eggs, bunnies and carrot sun catchers. We made Easter nests-this activity covers most of the EYFS development areas, and the children had great fun getting messy with chocolate too!

Some of the children enjoyed the Easter parade around the school and we enjoyed Easter egg hunts in the garden.

The children were very imaginative with the plastic Easter eggs using them in a variety of ways in their play!! They also experimented with Easter stampers and stencils.



We also.... welcomed our very first Steam Mills Preschool boy band!! And the children enjoyed helping the adults with a bit of spring cleaning- washing up resources and the welly stand!

As always, the children created lots of lovely food in the Mud kitchen and used various loose parts as a javelin, dinosaur museum and witches' broomsticks.



Forest school

This term we are hoping to join Class 1 on a Friday afternoon at the Forest School site. If your child attends on Friday afternoons we will be sending a letter out next week, detailing what your child will need to bring on this day.

If you would like to volunteer to join us on one of the sessions please let me know.

We are looking for.... Do you have.....?

- Clean paint rollers/ brushes
- Off cuts of guttering, flexi hose, tubes- to help with our plans to create a water wall
- Washing powder scoops
- A red Curtain or large piece of red material
- Carrier bags

Important dates for your Diary

Monday 8th April- Start of Summer term 5 Tuesday 16th April- Reception School Allocation Day Monday 6th May -Bank Holiday Thursday 16th May- Class photos Thursday 23rd May- Last day of Spring term 5 Friday 24th May- Inset Day Monday 3rd June- Start of Summer term 6 Friday14th June- Sports Day morning

As always, if you have any questions, please mail <u>kstevens@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk</u> Many thanks, Kelly and Laura ©