

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Leatherhead



Weekly outdoor learning with
Woodland Forest School

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Message from the Head Teacher

What an exciting Science Week we have had beginning with a trip to the Science Museum for Yr.1. All the children in Yr.1 arrived back full of excitement about all the things they had seen and done. Genie Lab was fantastic, a great experience for everyone. Science experiments have been seen in all areas of the school and with all the scientific questions and facts dotted around the building there has been a real buzz about the place.

Sadly on 4 December we will say goodbye to Jo Smart, our cook. Jo is moving out of the area to be nearer her daughter. We would like to thank her for all the lunches she has cooked for us and wish her the very best for the future. We will miss her!

Gill Brooks

Super Science Week!

Year 1 began Science Week with a trip to the Science Museum. Activities included creating intricate, colourful patterns in the Pattern Pod, exploring our senses in the Garden area and making waves in the giant water tank. Walking through the space exhibition we saw rockets, a landing capsule and even a piece of moon rock! During our visit, some children were chosen to take part in 'Destination Space' where we were taken on a virtual journey to the International Space Station. Taylor helped to launch our rocket, Jasper cleaned some dirty water and astronaut Spencer was dressed in a spacesuit as he proceeded to go on a space walk to mend some damaged tiles on the Space Station. We also learnt how the astronauts cope with life in the Space Station including how they eat, sleep, exercise and go to the toilet – not easy without gravity! Look out for more photos from Science Week on our celebration board as you enter the school.





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For this week's science experiments we have been looking at liquids, solids and gases.

After leaving our Antarctic animals in water to freeze overnight, Reception AG had fun looking at ways in which we could melt the ice using cold water, warm water and salt.



Golden Board

Rising Reception enjoyed their visit from the Genie Lab and had great fun making slime. In class they experimented with mixing various ingredients to make soap bubble prints.

Well done everyone for your hard work during Science Week. Please take time to look at the pictures on the notice board, there are fantastic pictures showing you what the children got up to !!!

Please can we ask you to contact your child's teacher by email or phone Esther Booth on 01372 385437 if your child is unwell and will be absent from school as we have to report them as being unwell. Thank you



Don't Forget!

- On Tuesday Reception parents are invited to coffee from 8.45 a.m.
- On Tuesday Yr.1 will be visiting Leatherhead Museum during the morning.
- On Wednesday parents of Yr.1 are invited to coffee from 8.45 a.m.
- On Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m. parents are invited to an E-Safety Talk in our school hall.
- On Friday it is "Bag to School" so please bring your bags of old clothes for recycling.
- On Friday at 8 p.m. it's Quiz Night at the Main Site in the dining hall.

Inspiring young minds to create a lifelong passion for learning and discovery.