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Message from the Head Teacher

The words 'Exploration' and 'Discovery' have been on the tip of everyone's tongue this week as the children plunged themselves into a wonderful array of different activities as Space Week let their imaginations run wild. I have really enjoyed watching the different year groups collaborate on team projects. The Year One children have been teaching the younger children how to create and sustain creative role play. Whilst our younger children, were learning and using a wide range of vocabulary as they interacted with the game.

I have also been popping into Maths lessons this week to take a look at the progress the children have made since the beginning of term. What really impressed me was the way that the children are able to articulate or demonstrate with apparatus the new concepts they have been learning. Being able to explain a process or apply their understanding through simple varied problem solving tasks, clearly demonstrates a secure grasp of the concept. Keep up the good work everyone!

Tessa Roberts

1,2,3,4,5



First Steps have had fun with the number 5 this week. Jumping, clapping and creating things with five objects as well as enjoying some supersonic singing with their poem of the week 'Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer'.

Autumn Surprises!

Tommy: "The leaves are changing colour! They are all brown and a bit of yellow and red!"

Lily: "I found a conker and the spiky bit! That's its coat!"

The children were quick to investigate and soon filled several bags with their findings. They also spotted some growing mushrooms and a great variety of berries including red berries and snow berries. We were so proud of how sensible the children were, remembering that some discoveries are observed rather than touched. The children were also amazed to find a few fallen apples



with little nibbles, which lead us to wonder..... Joe: "Maybe it was a hedgehog! Like our story!"

What a busy but wonderful way to spend a sunny autumn morning! Well done Rising Reception.

Christeen Hill



Don't Forget

Mon 4 Nov - Chertsey Toy Museum visiting Year One

Wed 6 Nov - Rising Reception visit Leatherhead Fire Station

Thurs 7 Nov - Reception & Year One Flu Immunisations

Thurs 7 Nov - Come and See Reception Evening—open to Rising Reception and Prospective Parents—19.00





News from Downsend

Our pupils were the stars of the show on Saturday at Open Morning, proving to be the perfect hosts as they showed some 200 visitors around Downsend. On Wednesday, football tournament wins at Charterhouse and Bedales emphasised why we were recognised at the National Awards on Monday, for Sporting Achievement. **Ian Thorpe**

Harvest Breakfast

The children are really looking forward to celebrating Harvest and sharing breakfast with you here next week. Please bring in your donations for the foodbank on your morning.

Golden Board

Achievements in class work, good manners and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special assembly every week.

We congratulated the following children today.

First Steps
Anna

Rising Reception
Lily J

Reception
Harry

Year One
Harrison

Golden Star Awards Good Friend Golden Stars were awarded to:

Y1 - Matilda

R - Timothy

RR - Joe

FS - Ezra

Well Done!

Space Week

This week has been Cosmic! World Space Week has had us all zooming off into outer space and having adventures of a lifetime. The climbing frame became a rocket one day and a space station the next. Astronauts roamed 'Planet Playground' and discovered some incredible new heavenly bodies, inhabited by aliens! Thank you to everyone who bought in cardboard boxes for our creative design engineers. Rockets of different shapes and sizes circumnavigated the outdoor area, adorned with buzzers, buttons, homemade computers, maps and satellite dishes. Our children could well be the first generation to be frequent flyers in outer space!.....3,2,1 Blast Off!!!



Events Week Commencing Monday 14 October Lunch Menu Week 1

Mon	9.00 13.00 15.30-16.30	First Steps Harvest Breakfast and Autumn Walk Parent /Teachers Appointments available online Football & Ball Skills Club
Tues	8.45 9.30-11.30 15.30-16.30	Rising Reception Harvest Breakfast Downsend Discovery Morning Year One to visit Year Two Engineering Club
Wed	8.45 15.30-16.30	Reception Harvest Breakfast Art-Tastic! Club
Thurs	8.45	Year One Harvest Breakfast
Fri		Diwali Celebrations

Christmas Cards

The children have been busy this week, putting the final touches on their personalised Christmas card designs. After the Harvest Breakfast, you will be able to see the original artwork in their classrooms and place orders ready for the festive season. A pack of 12 cards will cost £5.50 and £2.50 for a pack of gift tags (16 adhesive). Mugs are also available for £6.00 as well as a special 'Value pack' (consisting of 2 packs of cards and 1 pack of gift labels) for £10. A new option this year is wrapping paper costing £5.00 (2x A1 sheets with the children's design and choice of background).

As last year, this ordering will again be online. Each child has their own unique code on their art work which will allow you to log onto www.cauliflowercards.co.uk and order online via 'parent orders'. Your order will then be sent to school and distributed. Please note that the 'cut-off' date for orders is on Monday - 4.11.19. We can't wait to share our creations with you after our lovely Harvest Breakfast.

Inspiring young minds