

# DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



## Leatherhead



Friday 3rd July

### Message from Miss Hodges

I cannot believe how quickly the time is going! This week has flown by in a flurry of rain, wind, sunshine and the sound of children having a wonderful time in their class bubbles. They have been learning more and more every day, and their teachers are so impressed with what they have remembered from their learning this year, making writing reports that little bit easier! My walks around school this week (socially distanced, of course) have shown me what happy children we have here in school. From stories about going to the fair in First Steps to learning about transport in Rising Reception and playing shops in Reception to telling the time in Year One – everyone is purposeful, engaged and enthusiastic to learn which is so lovely to see, As we edge ever closer to the end of term, next week brings our special Year One Leavers' assemblies on Tuesday, a wonderful time for children, staff and parents to celebrate and remember the children's time at Leatherhead Pre-Prep. Work will be coming

home from your child's classroom next week, a lovely opportunity to see what they have done during the year and see the progress that they have made too. We will be holding our very first virtual meet the teacher meetings next week, a chance for you to meet your child's new teacher and ask any questions that you may have, and the staff are busy recording their welcome videos for the children so keep an eye out for them. I know you will have received an email from Mrs Booth regarding our staggered collection times next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, in case you have missed them, here they are again –  
First Steps – 1:15  
Reception – 1:20  
Rising Reception - 1:25  
Year One – 1:30

I hope you all have a lovely weekend whatever the weather brings!

*Miss Amy Hodges*

### Transport Art in Butterflies

This week Butterflies have been thinking about the different forms of transport they might use when travelling by land, sea or air. They used 2D shapes to make pictures of trains and recycled materials to make boats and submarines as well as painting pictures of their favourite form of transport. What a creative week!



### Year One Leavers

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, Year One will be holding their leavers assembly on the field. Please remember to check the invitation for all the extra details. Owls and Squirrels have been practising lots and lots and are looking forward to showing you their assembly!

Timings as follows:

Squirrels Class is at 9:15am

Owls class is at 14:15pm

## Birthdays

We always celebrate birthdays in our celebration's assembly so a big Happy Birthday to the following children for this week.

April is 6 on 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Emily is 5 on 6<sup>th</sup> July

Billy is 4 on 8<sup>th</sup> July



## Don't Forget

To 'meet your teacher' via your google hangout link on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Rising Reception – 17:00

Reception & Year 1 – 17:30

## Useful contacts



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## Transport Craft in Ladybirds

Rising Reception's topic this week has been transport. The children have enjoyed taking part in lots of different craft activities to make different modes of transport. We've had aeroplane paintings, junk model boats, shape trains and free craft aeroplanes and submarines.



## A week full of Art in FS

The children in Busy Bees just love to be creative and they like to use lots of different resources to create wonderful Artwork. This week Henry, Annie and Julian used fire engines to make track marks and William wanted to use the sand to make a colourful picture. Rosie asked to make a 'rainbow picture' and she used the coloured ribbons. Annie likes to use the whiteboards and she drew five wonderful flowers. I wonder what craft they will get up to next week!



## Events for W/C 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Tues	All day	Mrs Conlan in school
Weds	All day	Mrs Conlan in school
Fri	All day	Mrs Conlan in school End of term – see staggered collection times

## Foxes working from home!

In Reception we have been doing lots of STEAM activities and these children have been working on their Space projects from home. Don't they look great!



## Witch-Craft in Rabbits

This week in Reception we have had great fun creating our own Witches! We read the story of Winnie the Witch and then thought about what we might include in our paintings. The children enjoyed creating their own witches thinking about the colour of their hair, warts on the end of their noses, stripy tights, broomsticks and cauldrons too!



## Squirrels Love Art 🐿️

Teddy is carefully painting his salt-dough flower head using bright colours.



Hugo is using 2Paint on the laptop to create his silhouette picture. He added yellow lights in the black building to show it was night.



Here is Lily using a laptop to design a colourful repeating pattern picture using the creative painting tools.



Amy is using collage to make a super shiny picture.

## Owls Silhouette Art

In Owls class this week we have been learning about silhouettes. The children used blue card as a background and then used black paper shapes to make their silhouette buildings. They added lights to the buildings and stars and moons to add detail. These are just a few of the amazing pieces of art that the children created. Well done everyone!



# Work of the Week

## Busy Bees



After a story with clowns in, Elijah independently used the shapes to make a clown face. He said, "I have used two big green circles for his eyes." Well done Elijah!

This week in Nursery we have had lots of stories about going to the fair. Leo used the resources to make a clown face. He chose the blue clown hat and carefully drew the clowns features. Leo was very proud of his work and wanted to show all of his friends.

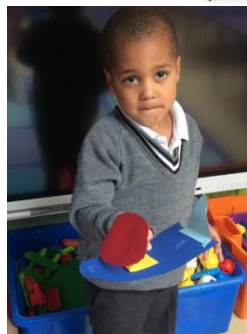


## Butterflies



As part of their transport topic this week Butterfly class were asked to think of an imaginary form of transport and decide where they would like it to take them. Alayna painted a colourful picture of magical sunshine which transported her to a magic land with rainbows. Well done Alayna!

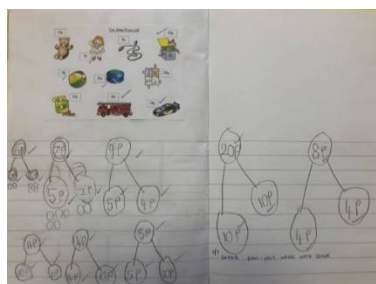
## Ladybirds



This week Rising Reception have been looking at different forms of transport. The children made aeroplanes and tested them out by flying them in the classroom. Zac made an amazing aeroplane using card and when he tested against his friends' aeroplanes, it flew the furthest. Well done Zac!

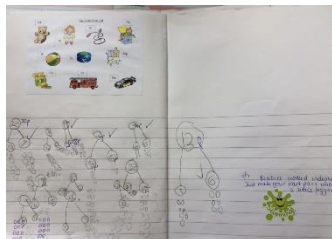
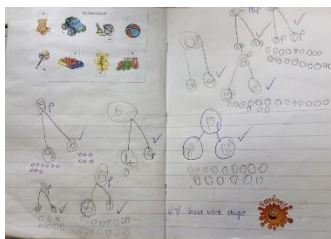


## Rabbits



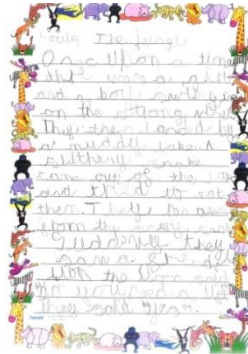
This week in Reception we have been learning about money and making amounts using coins. Chloe did a fantastic job of buying two idea from Miss Mcinnes' shop, adding them together and finding the total. She then used the part-part whole to show her working out. Well done Chloe.

## Foxes

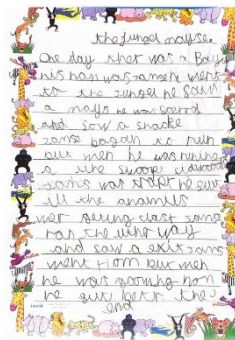


This week in Foxes we have been learning about money. Hugo and Beatrice were absolutely amazing at calculating totals using part part wholes. They were able to complete these independently and were motivated to do even more than I had asked for. Great attitude to learning 😊

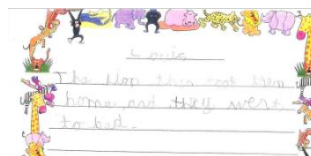
The Year one children have learnt so much this year about story writing. This week they were given the challenge to write a jungle story using a picture to help them with their ideas. Joshua worked so hard to write his story, remembering the sentence rules and adding speech. I am so impressed with your story Joshua - a well deserved work of the week!



## Owls



## Squirrels



This week in Year 1, we have been writing stories using picture prompts from a jungle story map. Louis has used his writing skills to write his super story about a boy and girl who were magically transported to the jungle. They met a slithering, scary snake but they were saved by a friendly lion who gave them a ride back home. Well done Louis for remembering to write in sentences and to include adjectives to make your story even better!