

Week beginning 19.03.2018

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The Vale Academy Reception Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 27th March 2018 - Stay and Play 10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m.
Thursday 29th March 2018 - Last day of Term (12.30 p.m. finish)
Tuesday 17th April 2018 - First day of Summer Term
Tuesday 24th April 2018 - Minibeast Encounter

This Half Term

During the week leading up to half term, we learnt all about how Shrove Tuesday originated and how people celebrate Pancake Day. We also learnt what people from other countries call Pancake Day and how they eat their pancakes.

The week following half term we celebrated Chinese New Year. We learnt the story of how Chinese New Year started and how each year celebrates a different animal. We tasted spring rolls and prawn crackers, and we looked at how people celebrate Chinese New Year.

As it is now Spring, we have been thinking about new life and growth. A couple of weeks ago we planted beans so we can see what we need to do to make them grow. We are just beginning to see some shoots starting to sprout from the soil. In addition to this the children have been very excited about our chicks. They have been lucky enough to witness several of the eggs hatch which they have found fascinating. We also visited the chicks in Nursery as they were different to ours' so the children could make comparisons between the two.

Morning Drop Off

As from Tuesday 17th April 2018 we will be asking parents/carers to leave children at the door when you drop them off. This is so that children can begin to develop the independence skills they will need as they move into Year 1 in September. If you need to speak to a member of staff we will of course still be available to speak to you should the need arise.

Stay and Play

Our next stay and play sessions will be on Tuesday 27th March 2018. As always we will be holding a morning session from 10.00 a.m. - 11 a.m. and an afternoon session from 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.



Some Useful Websites

Listed below are some websites you might like to visit to support your child in their learning at home:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ParentsMenu.htm>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2-games.html>

Wish List

We do a lot of junk modeling in Reception, and need a regular supply of materials. If you have any empty packets or tubes you could bring in we would be very grateful.