

Dear Families,

This week we have been focusing on school readiness and the important skills that help children make a confident transition to school. For our younger pre-schoolers, this has also been a wonderful opportunity to learn alongside their older peers, developing new skills through observation, play, and shared experiences.

We have had a thoughtful week exploring the theme of change. As many of our older children prepare to move on to their next adventure, we have been gently discussing what change can feel like and the different emotions that often come with it. Through stories, conversations, and play, the children have been encouraged to share their thoughts and feelings, helping them to understand that it is perfectly normal to feel both excited and a little nervous.

One of the highlights of our week has been spending time with our Year 1 buddies. The children have absolutely loved these sessions, and their older friends have offered so much reassurance and excitement about what lies ahead. It has been a real joy to watch these special friendships blossom. The confidence they inspire in our pre-schoolers has been wonderful to see.

Throughout our daily routines, we have continued to develop the children's independence skills. They have thoroughly enjoyed preparing their own snacks by chopping fruit and spreading toppings, which has also provided excellent opportunities to strengthen their fine motor skills.

In PE, the children have been practising their football skills, learning to pass, dribble, and work together as a team before enjoying a fun mini match. It has been fantastic to see their confidence, coordination, and teamwork continue to grow. With the excitement of the World Cup in the air, we have also been talking about supporting our favourite teams, cheering each other on and celebrating good teamwork and sportsmanship.

Book of the week: I Am Too Absolutely Small for School by Lauren Child

Song of the week: One Year Older

Makaton sign: School

Sound of the week: "sh" as in shoe, ship and shark

Requests and Reminders:

Please send your child with a named carrier bag next week in preparation for the end of term. This will help us send home all their belongings ready for the summer holidays. Thank you for your continued support.

With the warm weather expected to continue next week, please ensure your child comes to pre-school with a named sun hat. We have noticed a few children arriving without one and we want to make sure everyone stays safe while enjoying outdoor play.

