

AUCKLAND COLLEGE EYFS NEWSLETTER



Key Dates

- Lunar New Year - Sat 10th Feb
- Holiday Club starts - Mon 12th Feb
- Shrove Tuesday - Tues 13th Feb
- Valentine's Day - Weds 14th Feb
- Term restarts - Mon 19th Feb
- St. David's Day - Fri 1st Mar
- World Book Day - Thurs 7th Mar
- International Women's Day - Fri 8th Mar
- Holi Festival - Fri 8th Mar
- Reception reports published - Fri 8th Mar
- Reception Parents' Evenings - w/c 11th Mar
- St. Patrick's Day - Sun 17th Mar
- Pre-Prep reports published - Fri 22nd Mar
- Pre-Prep Parents' Evenings - w/c 25th Mar
- Last day of term - Thurs 28th Mar

Message from the EYFS Team

The Early Years Department have had a wonderful Spring 1 half term. It has been very evident that the children have been able to explore all their new topics this half term with great enjoyment.

In Spring 2 we will be launching our new Behaviour Support Bags for parents and carers. These bags have information, activities and story books related to topics that may be beneficial for parents to use to support aspects of behaviour at home.

The bags will support behaviour for the following:

New Sibling, Bereavement, Toilet Training, Family Separation/Anxiety, Regulating Emotions and Bedtime Routine

If you feel any of the bags could support your child and you are interested in using any of them, please speak with me or send me a Dojo message and I will support you with this.

Thank you
Mrs Collins
Assistant Head of EYFS

Things to do in Liverpool over the February half term!

- **Make it! Craft Workshop - Chinese New Year**
The Atkinson, Saturday 10th February
<https://www.theatkinson.co.uk/events/make-it-10feb/>
- **The Tiger Who Came to Tea**
The Playhouse, 12th-17th February
<https://www.everymanplayhouse.com/whats-on/the-tiger-who-came-to-tea>
- **St. Helen's Story Festival**
St. Helen's, 10th-17th February
<https://www.wonderarts.co.uk/upcoming-events>

Warming Winter Tomato Soup

Ingredients

- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 garlic clove
- 1 tbsp tomato purée
- 400g tinned tomatoes
- Handful basil leaf
- Pinch bicarbonate of soda
- 600ml milk



Method

1. Fry off the onion and garlic in a pan till soft, then add the tomato purée, tinned tomatoes and basil leaves and bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cook for 15 minutes.
2. Optionally, you can blend the soup at this stage if you prefer a smooth soup.
3. To finish the soup, return to the pan. Mix the bicarbonate of soda with approximately a tablespoon of the milk until there are no lumps. Add to the soup and mix in the remaining milk.
4. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer and cook for 5 minutes.
5. Serve with more basil leaves and crusty bread.

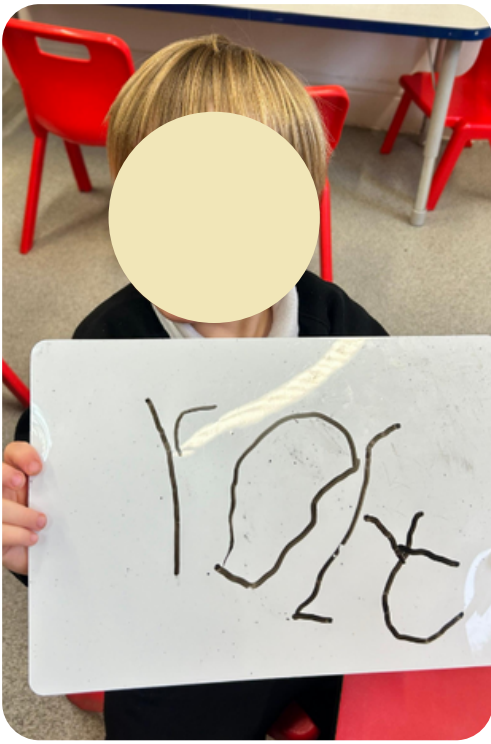
Important Messages

Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes in their bag every day. This should include at least two pairs of underwear and trousers/leggings, one top, one pair of socks and a pair of shoes (if there is room in your child's bag). This does not need to be uniform. Please do this even if your child is fully toilet trained, as they could still need changing if they fall in a puddle or spill something over themselves.

We encourage children to bring a morning snack to school. Please be aware that we have a 'nut free' policy and no nuts or products containing traces of nuts should be sent into school. Grapes should be cut in half length ways.



Pre-Prep 1



Pre-Prep 1 have had another wonderful half term! We started the year by doing the topic of Winter, focusing on the changes we might see in the environment and in the weather. The children loved playing in the 'Hot Chocolate Cafe' role play area and making their own snowflakes in the tuff tray. We particularly enjoyed playing with the snow in the water tray when it was too snowy for us to go outside!

Then, as Tuesday 23rd January was National Handwriting Day, we started the topic of Mark-Making/Fine Motor Skills. PP1 made beautiful artwork in the Art Gallery role play area, which was displayed on the wall to 'sell'.

Finally, we did the topic of 'Storytelling', linking to National Storytelling Week. The children retold the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears in the tuff tray and pretended to be Red Riding Hood in the 'Grandma's House' role play area.



In Phonics this half term, we have continued to learn the Level 2 sounds and tricky words, as well as focusing on letter formation for these sounds and our segmenting and blending skills.

In Maths, we have worked on solving real-life maths problems and started learning all about 2D and 3D shapes, focusing on vocabulary such as 'flat', 'sides' and 'faces'.

Well done for another fantastic half term PP1, I'm so proud of all your hard work!

Best wishes,
Miss Mott



Pre-Prep 2



This half-term Pre-Prep 2 have been taking part in whole school events, such as National Storytelling Week, Children's Mental Health Week, and Chinese New Year.

To start the new year, we began by learning about Toys. Everyone especially loved bringing in toys from home to share with their friends and investigating how toys have changed over time.

In Phonics we have continued to develop our knowledge of sounds, by sending CVC words home for children to practise sounding out letters and putting them back together to read a word. This is known as segmenting and blending.

Moreover, all the children loved getting ready for Valentine's Day by making cards for loved ones and exploring snow!

In Mathematics we have been building on our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, as well as learning some mathematical language, including flat, solid, sides and faces.

In Expressive Arts and Design, the children have been working on their drawing skills and showing good attention to detail.

Finally, our PE lessons have given us a great opportunity to play team games and practise our dancing skills to learn set actions to familiar songs.

Best wishes,
Miss Patterson

Pre-Prep 3

PP3 have had an amazing half term. The children have continued working hard after the Winter break and they have had so much fun learning about the topics of Winter and People Who Help Us.

The children explored the topic of Winter, which included learning about what changes happen in the environment, as well as the changes people make with the clothes they wear and the food they may eat. The children also learnt about hibernation and the reason why animals hibernate and the type of homes the animals create for this. PP3 were very lucky that during this topic we had snow, so the children were able to take part in snow play and create their own snowmen in class!

PP3 have enjoyed learning about People Who Help Us, and looking at different occupations and exploring what roles people complete in their jobs, and the uniforms that they wear and why these are important. The children had a lovely time discussing what job they would like to do when they grow up and sharing this with their peers during carpet time.

In Phonics, the children are continuing to practice their segmenting and blending to support their reading skills, and the children are learning new Level 3 sounds and Level 3 Tricky Words, with a few children now moving on to Level 4 Tricky Words.

In Numeracy the children have been working on comparing quantities, using the vocabulary more and less. The children have also been working on their number formation and experimenting with numbers and symbols.

Well Done PP3!

Mrs Collins



Reception



It's been a very busy few weeks in Reception! Since coming back after all of the festive fun, we have been very busy learning more Level 3 sounds and using them in our writing. We have focused on sentence reading and writing and we are getting really confident with this!



In Maths, we have explored lots of different ways of measuring, such as length, height, weight and more recently, capacity and volume. We loved making some tasty 'monster milkshakes' and discussing whether they were full, half full or empty!



Space has been so much fun to learn about! We have talked about the planets and their sizes, characteristics and other facts. We have done lots of imaginative play pretending to be astronauts going to the moon and even funny aliens who say 'alien words'!

Lots of new vocabulary has been used too: galaxy, constellations, astronaut, satellite. We can use all of these in our conversation and play!

Well done Reception, you have all worked so hard! We are looking forward to even more exciting challenges and fun in the Spring term!

Miss Scholfield and Miss Lloyd

