

# EARLY YEARS NEWS

Loose Primary School

## FEATURED THIS TIME:

Out of this World!

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Forest School

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Balanceability

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Learning in Term 4

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## OUT OF THIS WORLD!

This term's topic, 'Out of this World', has been a huge success once again! The children have loved learning all about space and the universe beyond planet Earth. In school, they have enjoyed hunting for clues at the UFO crash site, reading about Beegu and writing letters to her, learning about the solar system and finding out about real-life astronauts.

The core study texts this term of 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon, 'Astro Girl' by Ken Wilson-Max and 'Field Trip to the Moon' by John Hare have been a brilliant springboard for all of the learning that has taken place. The children are able to recall an incredible amount of facts about our solar system and have especially enjoyed learning through song - you may have heard this at home!



## FOREST SCHOOL

This term, our Year R children have had a wonderful start to Forest School and have shown great enthusiasm as they explore the woodland environment. They have enjoyed learning the important Forest School rules - 'No pick, no lick, no sick!' - including how to stay safe, respect nature, and care for one another while outside. The children have loved discovering the different areas of the woodland, listening carefully to the sounds around them, and observing changes in the natural world. Their confidence has grown each week as they become more familiar with the space and develop a sense of curiosity and adventure.

The children have especially enjoyed the hands-on experiences that Forest School offers. They have had lots of fun jumping in puddles, digging in the mud, and using tools to build their own imaginative dens together. Many children were excited to search for worms and other small creatures, showing great care and fascination as they observed them closely. These activities have supported their physical development, teamwork, and problem-solving skills, while also encouraging resilience and creativity. It has been lovely to see the children working collaboratively, taking turns, and fully embracing the joy of learning outdoors.



'BALANCEABILITY'



Over the last few weeks, all of our Year R children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in their 'Balanceability' lessons and have shown fantastic enthusiasm as they develop their early cycling skills. They have demonstrated growing courage and confidence as they learn to ride independently, always remembering the importance of wearing their helmets to keep themselves safe. The children have also begun learning some simple rules of the road, helping them understand how to ride responsibly and be aware of their surroundings. It has been wonderful to see their determination and pride as they challenge themselves and celebrate their achievements.



During the sessions, the children have been practising the important 'push, push, glide' technique, helping them to balance and move smoothly on their bikes. They have also learned how to turn safely into corners, ride carefully over bumps and ramps, and control their speed. These activities have supported their physical development, coordination, and balance, while also building their resilience and independence. The children have listened carefully to instructions, encouraged one another, and shown great perseverance as they continue to develop their skills and confidence as young riders.

## EXCELLENCE ASSEMBLY

We are so pleased to have been able to join with the rest of the school this term to celebrate the various achievements of children by attending Excellence assemblies every Friday. Each week there are children from across the whole school selected for an Excellence Award - these are linked to learning and / or behaviour that display our five school values. YR get very excited to see who that weeks' chosen person will be. They are so gracious and kind to one another and love to congratulate their peers on their achievement.

With trust,  
*we lead*

With pride,  
*we act*

With respect,  
*we serve*

With compassion,  
*we care*

With determination,  
*we excel*

## NSPCC NUMBER DAY

We had a fantastic time celebrating 'Number Day' in support of the NSPCC. The children took part in a fab number hunt around the school, eagerly searching for hidden numbers and showing great teamwork as they found them. They also loved joining in with 'dancing bingo', moving their bodies while recognising numbers and having lots of fun together. During the day, the children listened carefully to number stories, helping to deepen their understanding of numbers in an engaging and meaningful way. One of their favourite activities was using the iPads to create their own 'Numberblocks' videos, where they used their imagination to represent numbers & proudly shared their creations with their friends. It was a day full of enthusiasm, creativity, and a real love of learning about numbers.



## LEARNING IN TERM 4



Our theme for next term is **A Long Time Ago...!** This topic will have a strong history focus & children will explore the past - starting with looking back into their own lives and then going further back in time. Dinosaurs will be our 'hook' in to this term's learning. Watch out for what these extraordinary creatures are getting up to in Early Years... I know that they will be busy getting up to all sorts of mischief after the holiday! If you have any disused dinosaur books (non-fiction or fiction) or dinosaur toys, please donate them to our EY department. We can never have too many and we want to go totally dino-crazy this term!



# A SNAPSHOT OF LIFE IN THE EARLY YEARS AT LOOSE:



