

EARLY YEARS NEWS

Loose Primary School

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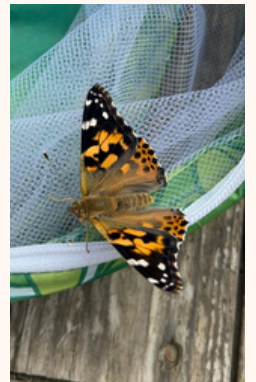


TERM 5 - 'WILD WORLD'

This term in Year R, our learning journey has taken us deep into the Wild World! At the very start of term, each class received a very exciting special delivery – real caterpillars! The children loved carefully observing them each day as they grew bigger and bigger before turning into chrysalis'. We were amazed to watch them finally emerge as beautiful butterflies. (Pearl Class are still waiting for theirs to hatch!) Using the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle, we learnt all about the caterpillar life cycle and the wonder of metamorphosis.

Our learning about nature continued through the book 'Errol's Garden', which inspired us to hold our very own community planting day. The children worked together to plant flowers, fruits and vegetables to help make our outdoor spaces beautiful and welcoming for wildlife. We also loved reading 'Betsy Buglove Saves the Bees', which helped us learn all about pollination, honeybees and why bees are so important to our world. We were very lucky to welcome a real beekeeper into school, who taught us fascinating facts about bees and even showed us some real beekeeping equipment.

Today, we celebrated all of our wonderful learning with a joyful Minibeast March and a special exhibition in the Forest School with Year 5, where the children proudly shared their discoveries, artwork and creations from across the term. It has been a busy, exciting and memorable term full of curiosity, exploration and a growing love for the natural world.





SPORTS DAY

Year R had a fantastic time taking part in their very first Sports Day at Loose Primary School! The children showed great enthusiasm and determination as they joined in with a huge range of activities, showcasing their growing skills in running, jumping, throwing and teamwork. Despite the changeable weather – from bright sunshine to sudden rain showers – the children carried on with big smiles and excellent perseverance throughout the event. We were so proud of their confidence, resilience and encouragement towards one another. Thank you to all the families who came along to support and cheer the children on – your encouragement helped to make the day extra special.

BUSY BEES 🐝🐝🐝

Year R were buzzing with excitement when a real beekeeper came to visit this week! The children watched carefully as he built a hive, explaining that it is just like a house where thousands of bees live and work together. They learnt all about the important jobs that different bees have inside the hive. The queen bee's special job is to lay eggs so that the colony can grow, while the worker bees do many different jobs, such as collecting pollen and nectar from flowers, cleaning the hive, feeding the baby bees and making honey. They also learnt how worker bees carry pollen on their legs back to the hive, where the nectar is turned into honey and stored in honeycomb cells. The beekeeper showed the children his protective suit and the special tools he uses to look after the bees safely. It was a wonderful hands-on experience that helped the children understand how hardworking and important bees are to our world.



GROWING TOGETHER

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family members who joined us for the community planting afternoon— it was a fantastic turnout! Your presence, along with the many generous donations of soil, tools and plants, truly made the event special.

It was heart-warming to see the children so enthusiastically digging in and transforming our outdoor classroom with their mystery seeds. Together, we created a beautiful space that reflects the spirit of our community. We can't wait to see our garden bloom!

MINIBEAST MARCH

Our Year R children took part in a fantastic Minibeast March to celebrate all of their learning this term. The children arrived dressed as a wonderful variety of insects and minibeasts – from butterflies and ladybirds to bees, spiders and caterpillars. The costumes were absolutely brilliant and it was wonderful to see the children so excited and proud as they marched around the school showing off their creative outfits.



The celebrations continued as the children performed their minibeast songs for parents with great enthusiasm and confidence. Families were then invited to visit the Forest School, where the children proudly showcased their learning from the term and shared some of the exciting activities they have been exploring. It was a lovely celebration of all the children's hard work, curiosity and growing knowledge about the natural world. Thank you so much for taking the time to collect sponsors and support the event. We will let you know the total amount raised after the half term break.



LEARNING IN TERM 6

Our theme for next term is '**Splish, Splash Splosh**' and our learning will be based around several core texts, including **When I Was A Pirate** by Tom Silson, **Billy's Bucket** by Kes Gray, and **My Pet Goldfish** by Catherine Rayner. The children will be making and following maps, investigating floating and sinking, finding out where water comes from, learning about sea creatures in various parts of the world, and ocean pollution. There will also be a lot of practical water play going on! We are hoping for some warm summer weather so that we can get the paddling pools out and create our own Loose Primary School beach!

During Term 6, there will also be a focus on supporting the children with their transition to Year 1, with visits from and to their new teacher and becoming more familiar with the wider school environment. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's transition, do come and talk to us.

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SNAPSHOTS FROM YR

