



## Steam Mills Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

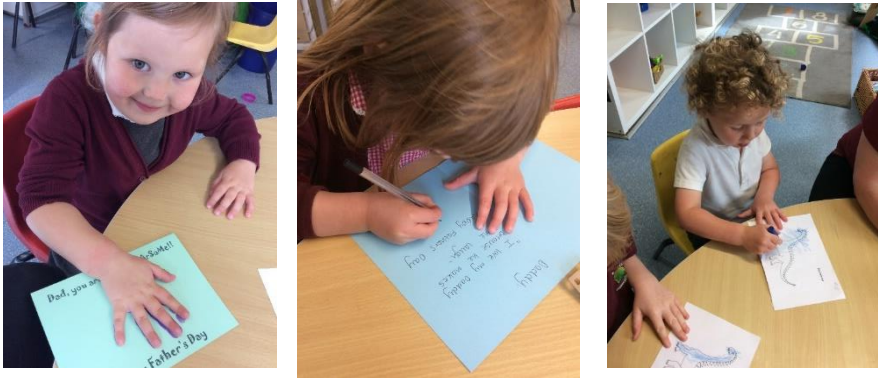
Well here we are at the end of another year.... it is always a sad and happy time in equal measure! Our little ones leaving Preschool to begin exciting new adventures at big school and meeting and welcoming lots of new children ready for September starts!

We started the last term getting ready for Sports Day, which included lots of daily practice and using the story The Jungle run- which is all about joining in and having fun!



We also talked about our special daddies and grandparents when learning about the celebration of Father's Day. It led to a great discussion about what each child calls their grandad, grampy, etc and that grandad was mummies dad etc.

The children created dinosaur cards and made marks and letters in them with their own unique reasons of what they love most about their daddies!



More adventures at Forest school have helped the children to learn in nature, following and understanding rules, exploring, climbing, facing challenges



The children have LOVED playing with marbles this term!! Initially used for a balancing/fine motor activity, the children took their ideas in many directions- using them in the home corner, collecting, ordering, talking about sizes, patterns, and firm favourite the bamboo channelling- inside and out!

Yes..... we are still finding them everywhere!!



Our main theme for the term was all things Sea and Seaside related- the children roleplayed 'holidays' using various transport to get there, using their own knowledge and ideas to extend group play

We have had lots of water play – guttering, investigating small syringes, cause and effect, pouring and filling, emptying, capacity and most fun of all....washing up!



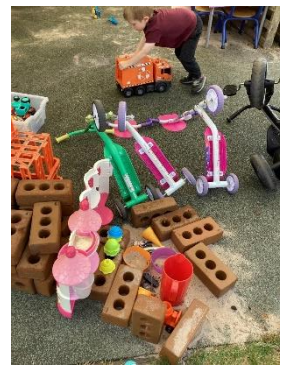


The sand has been a big hit too, in the sandpit and using smaller scale toys in the tuff tray. Children could make links to their recent holidays and past experiences and there were lots of opportunities for problem solving- sharing space and resources.

The children loved our Ice cream shop, role playing with friends and using a till and money. They loved exploring real cones and ice cream, giving the children real experiences of 3D shapes in their environment and observing melting ice cream and talking about why this was happening. We also created crafts around ice cream and used our counting and subitising skills with ice cream activities!



We also enjoyed lots of outdoor play with bubbles, threading octopus' legs, creating a woodlouse hotel, being teachers, caring for our plants and enjoying a very relaxing yoga session complete with eye masks!







### **Goodbyes.....**

We hope the Preschool leavers enjoyed their little party, the weather wasn't ideal but we all got together and had a bit of fun to celebrate the children's time with us. Thank you for all of your lovely cards and gifts, you are all very naughty! We are just doing our jobs, which we love but we appreciate your kindness, Thank you again xx

### **We are looking for.... Do you have.....?**

- Clean paint rollers/ brushes
- Off cuts of guttering, flexi hose, tubes- to help with our plans to create a water wall
- Washing powder scoops
- A red Curtain or large piece of red material
- Mug tree
- Water butt
- garden trellis
- bottle tops
- wellies sizes 9,10,11
- yoghurt pots

### **Important dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** - Start of Autumn Term 1

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** -End of term 1

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**- Inset day

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** -Start of Autumn 2

Enjoy the rest of the summer xx

As always, if you have any questions, please mail [kstevens@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:kstevens@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk)

Many thanks, Kelly and Laura 😊