



Steam Mills Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Hope you all had a lovely, relaxing break?

This term, through a selection of stories we have learned lots and talked a lot about what plants and flowers need (and don't need...) through reading books such as '**Frans flower**' and '**Jaspers Beanstalk**'.

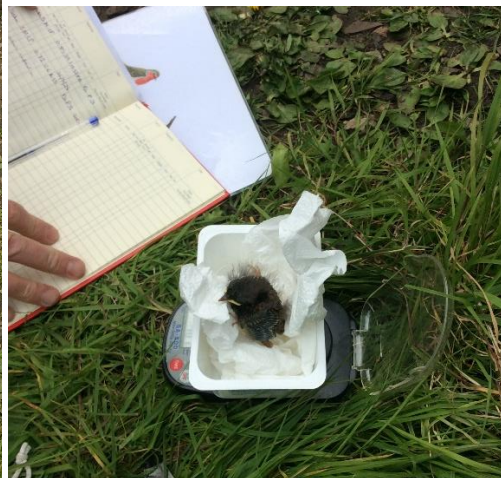
In **Jaspers Beanstalk** the children looked at the importance of waiting and being patient, understanding that sometimes things don't happen straight away but take time.

Jack and the Beanstalk inspired lots of crafts and building the giants castle using Lego and wooden blocks. The children also enjoyed making signs and labels of phrases from the story. The children created a large beanstalk as a whole group and used a variety of different media and their own ideas to decorate beanstalk leaves.

Every child has planted a bean and they have been making sure they have enough water and sunshine. The children used different sized Lego blocks to paint and print a giant's castle and in **Oliver's Vegetables**, this led to talking about healthy choices and our own likes and dislikes and vegetable printing.



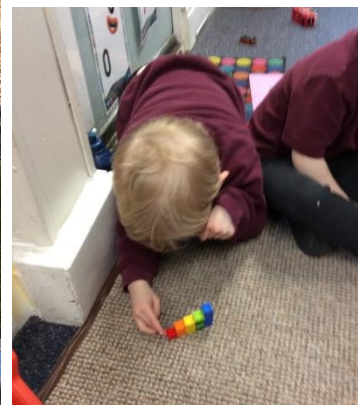
Benjamin's Dad Ed came to talk about, check, weigh and ring the Baby Robins that have recently been born in our garden shed. The children loved being able to see the Baby Robins up close – thank you Ed for this opportunity!



We have also.....

Used Lego to create Numberblocks, enjoyed lots of bubble play and water play and have used the channelling and ramps - indoors and out!

The hot weather has seen us enjoy Yoga outdoors, large scale painting with fly swatters, sand play - small and large scale as well as playing on the field on the large equipment and on the bikes and new scooters.





Forest School

This term, we have been taking a visit to Forest School with Class 1 on a Friday afternoon. The children have learnt about the safety needed whilst walking from school to site, as well as enjoying being able to explore the forest school area freely.



Reception Class Transitions

We have already welcomed both teachers from two schools and transition sessions have already been planned for these schools, so please let us know if you have not received the information from your child's school.

Dates for **Steam Mills** transition sessions – All sessions are from 9:30am-11:45am

Monday 24th June

Tuesday 25th June

Monday 8th July

If your child does not attend on any of these days and you would prefer them to come over to Class 1 with us, please drop off from 9am as normal.

Sports Day Morning

Friday 14th June is when the school's sports morning will take place. This will be held on the field opposite school for a 9:30am start. Please ensure your child is wearing the appropriate clothing and footwear and has a sun hat and cream on if needed. They will also need a drinks bottle.

Anyone is more than welcome to come and watch their child/ren take part in races. Please be aware that Laura will be rounding you parents/carers up for the 'Mums' and 'Dads' race 😊

Pre-School Leavers Party

You should have all received a letter at the end of last term regarding the Leavers party on Monday 15th July. If you are yet to return your slip please do so as soon as possible. Shortly we will be sending a letter out to all leavers parents to request what food item you are to supply for the party.

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
- Carrier bags
- Mug tree
- Fairy liquid bottles
- Water butt or garden trellis??

Important dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd June - Start of Summer Term 6

Friday 14th June - Sports Day Morning 9:30am start.

Friday 21st June – Non-Uniform Day

Friday 28th June - FOSM Summer Fayre – more information to follow

Thursday 11th July - School Disco – more information to follow

Monday 15th July – Pre-School Leavers Party

Friday 19th July - Last day of Summer term 6

Monday 22nd July – Inset day

As always, if you have any questions, please mail kstevens@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk

Many thanks, Kelly and Laura 😊