



WHAT A TERM!

We have had a fantastic Spring Term in Stay & Play. The children have had a variety of activities to choose from, in addition to a large selection of toys, board games, construction and colouring. Keep reading for this term's highlights!

MOTHER'S DAY



Earlier this month Ms Broachi led the children in entering a Mother's Day art competition run by Tesco (Dedworth). We had multiple entries and the posters were displayed in store over Mother's Day weekend.

As the standard was so high, Tesco announced that all entrants would receive an easter egg! I think those children who wrote "I love Tesco" on their posters may have gone some way to securing the eggs!

CRAFT TIME!

This term we have explored movement, with our crafts featuring several different mechanisms. We have had pecking woodpeckers, flapping pteranodons, wobbling Pokémon and gobbling paper cup monsters! It has been wonderful watching the children realise that they can adapt these mechanisms for their own ideas.



CRAFT TIME!

TRIAL & ERROR!

Sometimes even grown-ups forget their thinking caps! A rectangular piece of paper doesn't wrap around a cone-shaped cup, and boy, did we struggle with that one afternoon! The children learnt a valuable lesson in maths, trial and error, and how adults learn from mistakes too! (Yes, we did have to deconstruct the paper cup before we realised the obvious!)



mistake
+
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CELEBRATE!

The children have made some beautiful decorations over the Spring Term. We have celebrated Lunar New Year, the coming of Spring, as well as Easter in the form of 'stained glass' Easter eggs.

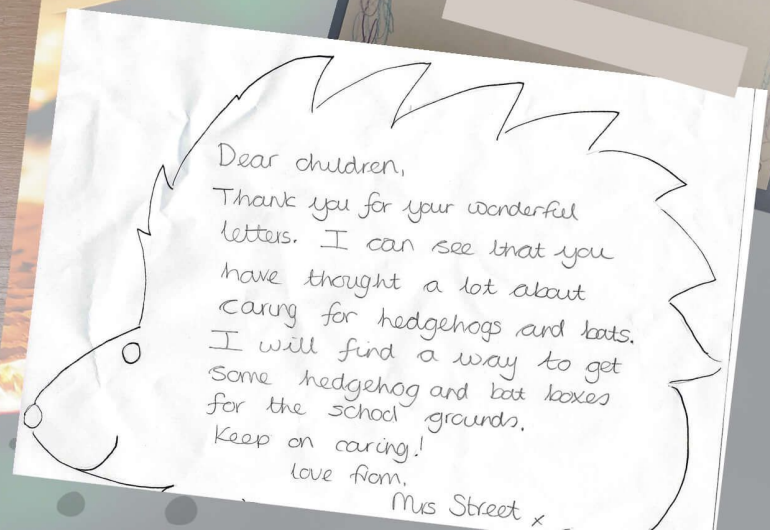
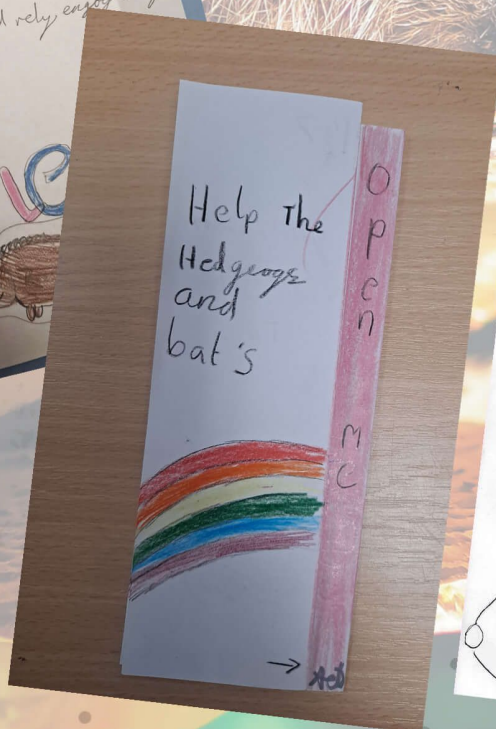
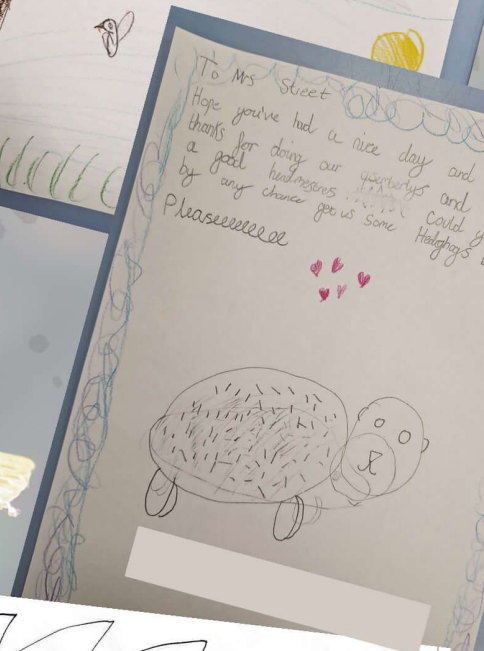
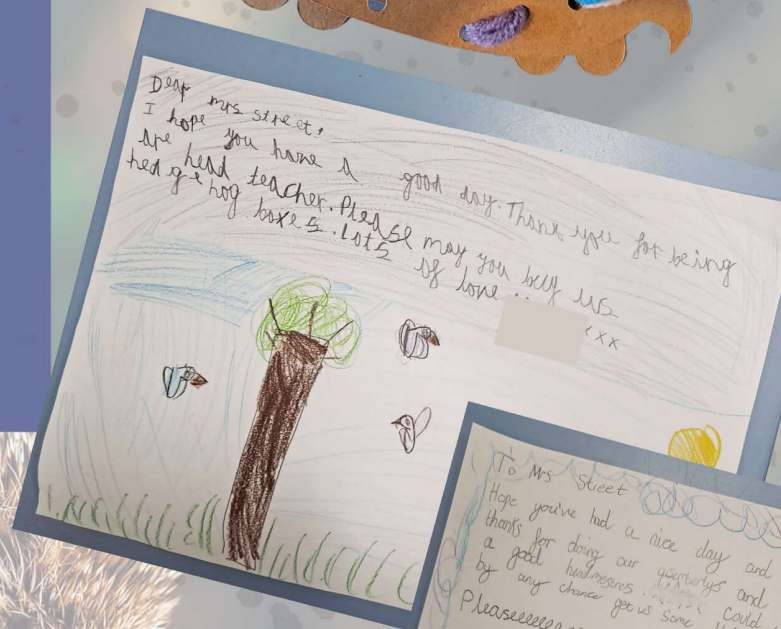
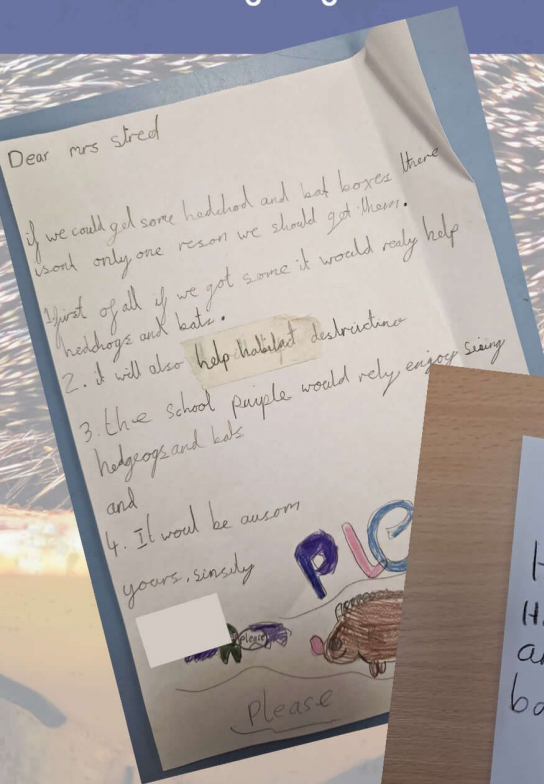
We will return to school after the holidays ready to celebrate Eid al-Fitr!



WE LOVE WILDLIFE!




Stay & Play is very much child-led, so we were extremely proud that, following some wildlife themed crafts, the children chose to use their student voice to persuade Mrs Street to install hedgehog houses and bat boxes on school grounds. While bat boxes may prove challenging, with Mrs Street's blessing, we will be thinking of ways to fund hedgehog boxes next term! If you know of any businesses that may like to sponsor a hedgehog house do let us know!




BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



British Science Week ran from 10-19 March this year, and Stay & Play celebrated with some fun experiments. If your child came home with a very soggy paper flower (or a whole garden's worth!) there was a good scientific reason for it: <https://www.abc.net.au/science/surfingscientist/magic.flower.htm>



NASA came to the rescue with our second science activity: straw rockets! The children were amazed at just how far (and high!) the rockets could go! Apologies to Mrs Warburton, who may be finding straw rockets in her classroom for some time! Template and instructions are here: <https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/edu/learn/project/make-a-straw-rocket/>



The rumours are all true, after a thorough risk assessment, we managed to demonstrate what happens when you put Mentos in a bottle of cola! I have a feeling that this particular experiment may be ongoing, as I think we all want to find out how it can be bigger, better and higher! Well done to Ms Broachi for keeping everyone safe on the sidelines!

BADGES?

Does your child attend Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers or Cubs? If any of the activities in Stay & Play would contribute to their badges do let us know. We are very happy to sign off activities; We have had two Brownies this term who have fulfilled tasks for their Aviation badges!

Brownies



With the lighter evenings, we are very much looking forward to making the most of the grounds next term. We are fortunate to have bikes, trikes and plenty of play equipment for the children to use. The children can expect outdoor crafts with a focus on the nature and wildlife we are so lucky to share our grounds with. There may even be the odd scavenger hunt!

NEXT TERM

WISHING YOU ALL A
WONDERFUL SPRING BREAK

SAM, MS BROACHI, OLLY,
ARCHIE, HARRISON, LILY &
SYDNEY