

Dear Milford Families

We are officially half way through the academic year, time really does fly by! Since our last news letter Oak and Willow class have enjoyed a fabulous trip to Brooklands Museum. The Pied Piper Theatre wowed the children with tales about 'The Town and Country Mouse', and it was lovely for the children of The Orchard Nursery to join the performance. We now have three new after school clubs: Lego and Playmobil, craft and music club, all of which are proving very popular. Years one and two have completed three rounds of Woodland School and all have benefitted from enriching days of learning in nature even when it was drizzling! Stephen Blackburn, governors and myself have completed our annual Health and Safety audit, which we passed with flying colours! Alison Walsh from the local authority has conducted our annual teaching and learning review. Alison was particularly impressed with Milford's active approach to learning, our attractive classrooms, dedicated and skilled staff along with well behaved children. Our lovely new parent and baby group has got off to a great start providing a much needed community space for parents and our youngest members of our Milford family. Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable half term.



Much love Miss Cox



A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our recent parent survey - your feedback is very much appreciated and welcomed. We will be repeating this survey annually so we can track the progress we make and ensure we remain on track, per our school development plan.

There was a 26% parental response rate with a good representation across all year groups. Analyses of scores were generally extremely positive, with strong scores for: children's happiness, teaching staff, quality of education, school community with a sense of belonging and our environment.



Improvement opportunities included:

- More after school clubs with the option for children to also attend The Orchard Afterschool Club. School have responded by providing three additional clubs i.e. Lego & Playmobil, Arts & Craft and Music Club. We have liaised with The Orchard to ensure children can continue to attend the Orchard Afterschool Club.
- The new reception drop off arrangements are difficult for some parents. School will continue to monitor and review this arrangement.
- Some working parents found the reception settling in period challenging. School did provide tailored transitions to support working parents where requested and we appreciate optimising the balance between the needs of working parents and the needs of the children is not easy. We will continue to review and work with parents as this process evolves and Miss Cox's door is always open for parents who wish to discuss arrangements such as these.

SAFEGUARDING

Are you concerned about a child?

Please share your concern with one of our safeguarding leads: Miss Co, Miss Jones, Mrs Ward or Mrs Wells.

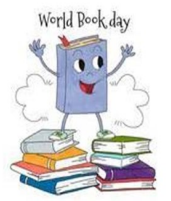
If urgent and out of school hours please contact

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World Book Day

Milford School will celebrate World Book Day on Friday 7th March. Children can dress up as their favourite book character. They will also receive a voucher which can be used towards the cost of a book or to purchase a £1 book.

A poster for 'Quiz Night' featuring a dark brick wall background. The words 'QUIZ' and 'NIGHT' are written in large, glowing neon letters. 'QUIZ' is in pink and 'NIGHT' is in blue. The poster is framed by a decorative border of repeating fan-like patterns.

QUIZ NIGHT

Save the date for...

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

From 7 pm to 10:30 pm

More details to follow...

YEAR R NEWS

Wow! What a fantastic start to the New Year. This term has absolutely flown by! The children have had a wonderful time learning all about different types of transport and reading different stories such as The Train Ride and The Naughty Bus. IN our outside area we have been busy using the large equipment to make trains and other vehicles and role-playing going on journeys far and wide.

In January, we were very lucky to visit the Brooklands Museum. The children enjoyed seeing all of the different types of vehicles, including a car made of Lego and getting to explore inside lots of different types of aeroplanes. We learnt all about transport old and new. To end our day we got to make our own peg racers. Once we had finished building them we got to test them on a big ramp. They were very fast! All of the Teachers in Reception were so proud of the children for their fantastic behaviour on the coach and at the museum.

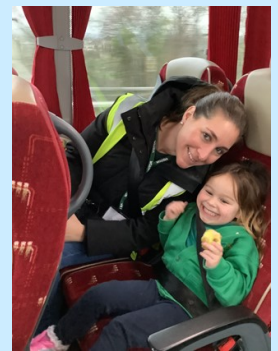
Our topic 'On The Move' has led us to investigate the world around us – we have made our own boats and explored floating and sinking. We also made predictions to guess if the car would travel furthest on different types of ramps.

We were very lucky to have a visit from Paralympian Rugby Player Kylie Grimes. She put the children through their paces doing lots of fun exercises and really got our hearts pumping. We then had a special assembly where Kylie told us all about her career and showed us her real Paralympic medals.

In Maths we have been looking at the composition of the numbers 6,7 and 8, and have also been exploring height and length. The children have been using cubes to measure different objects.

In literacy we have be, our Naughty Bus got into some tricky situations around our school, giving Miss Cox a shock! We are becoming confident to have a go at doing some fantastic writing describing the adventures of the Naughty Bus and writing about the special bikes we designed, inspired by the story of Mrs Armitage.

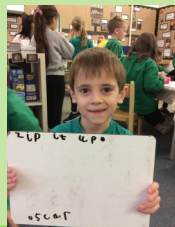




YEAR 1 NEWS

Instructions

We have been learning about how to write instructions. We have become experts at telling each other how to make toast, make Lego creations and how to put our coats on which is very important in the cold, windy weather!



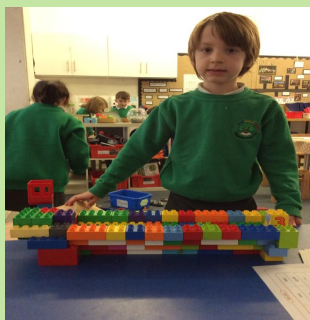
Isla The Reading Dog

It has been great fun to continue reading with Isla, our gorgeous reading dog. She loves listening to our fantastic reading and she always enjoys a fuss!



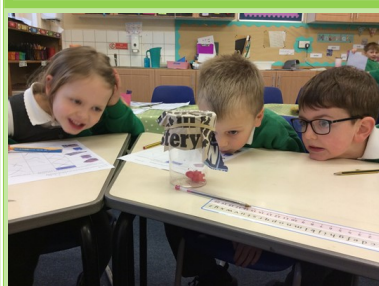
Titanic

Our new history topic was Titanic and we learned about the hero Jack Phillips who was from Godalming. He sent the SOS message to other ships to get help.



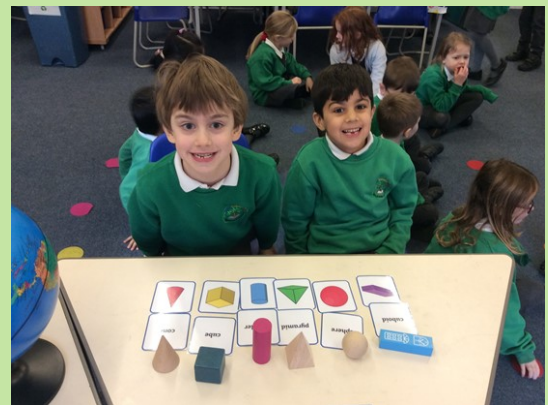
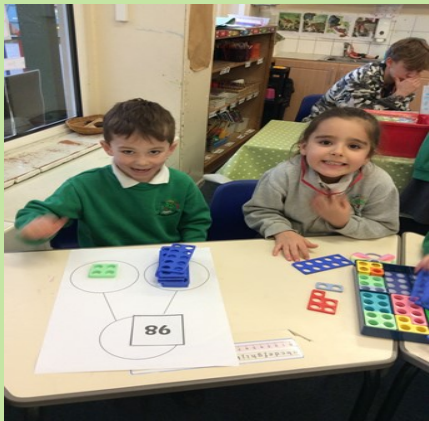
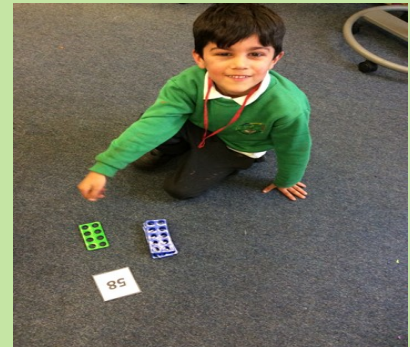
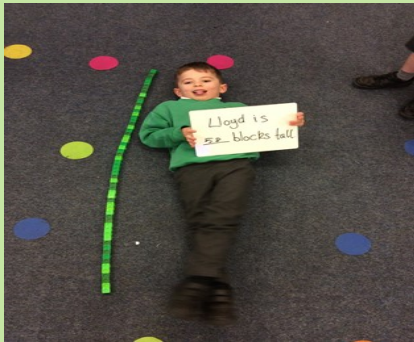
Science

We have continued to focus on materials and have been experimenting with what is and isn't waterproof. Who knew newspaper would keep the toy dry?!



Maths

We have been looking at measuring, shape and partitioning of numbers. They have all enjoyed using their measuring skills on each other, working together to find 3D shapes and showing off their early skills in place value.



Traction Man

The children have loved our unit on Traction Man and exploring his adventures ready to write their own



YEAR 2 NEWS

Maths

This term we have been adding 3 numbers (finding magic 10), repeated addition, multiplication and division. We used a variety of resources and methods to solve problems.

English

We have been inspired by David Lucas' fabulous text *The Robot and The Bluebird*. We used emotive language to write about a character's feelings, wrote in the first person from a character's point of view and researched and wrote a non-fiction text about Bluebirds.

Geography & History

After arriving at school to find an explorer had camped outside our classroom for the night, Elm and Lime found clues that led us to discovering about the race to the South Pole and Scott's fateful trip to Antarctica. However, he sent us a message of resilience and following our dreams.

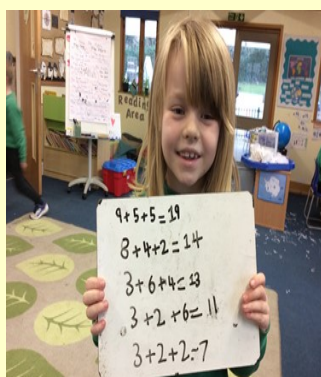
Our exploring led us to learn about the seven continents and six oceans of the world, polar regions and the equator.

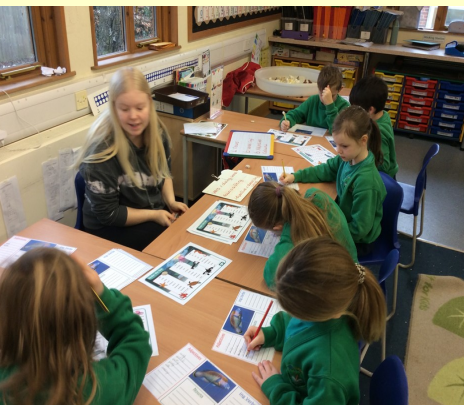
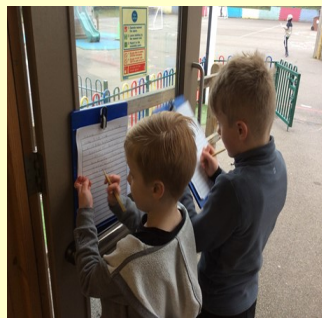
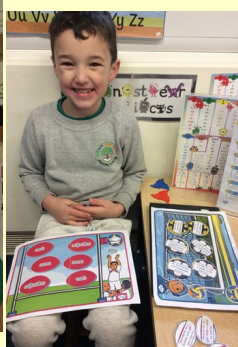
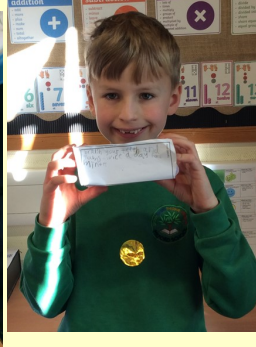
Art

Our study of the artist Escher, led us to exploring pattern and printing in art and learning how to make and use a block print. We also learnt different ways to shade with a pencil, which we used to recreate his picture called 'Puddle'.

Science

This term we have been investigating the properties of different materials and why different materials are used to make different things. We also did an investigation to stop the Antarctic ice cube from melting. Who would have thought the





Kylie Grimes Visit



HALF TERM EVENTS AT GODALMING LIBRARY

The Staff at Godalming Library would like to tell our customers about some of our upcoming events and ongoing activities.

Join us at Godalming Library for a week full of activities and fun!



Monday 17th February

We start the week with Drop in Crafts at 11am on Monday 17th February.

Design and make a rocket from recycled materials! Donations Welcomed.

Are you a mini engineer? Would you like to try your hand at building? Why not practice your skills at our Lego and Duplo Club - 4pm.

Reserve your place! £1 per session

Tuesday 18th February

On Tuesday 18th February we have our regular Rhymetime session at 11am. There is no need to book, but spaces are limited.

At 2:30 we have a special Science Workshop. We will be making a moving model alien hand!

What do you think an alien hand looks like? How many fingers would it have? What colour is it? Come along and decide! Tickets are £3 and can be purchased by emailing godalming.library@surreycc.gov.uk



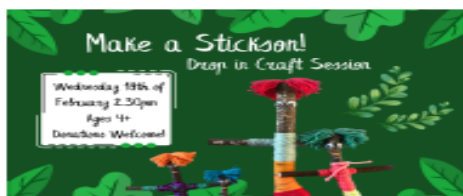
Wednesday 19th February

On Wednesday 19th February - join us for a special BookTrust Storytime session at 11am.

We will be reading the 5 stories shortlisted for the 2025 BookTrust storytime prize.

Vote for your favourite book and get crafting!

At 2:30 make your very own stick person (A Stickson!) at our drop in craft session Donations Welcomed

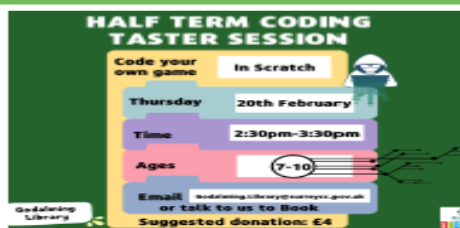


Thursday 20th February

Regular Rhymetime session at 11am. No need to book, but spaces are limited.

2:30 Back by popular demand! Coding Taster Sessions in Scratch for children aged 7 - 10.

To book a place please email godalming.library@surreycc.gov.uk Suggested Donation of £4 for the session



Friday 21st February

Drop in Crafts at 11am.

Design and make a Birdfeeder!

What will your finished design look like? Donations Welcomed.

From 2 - 5pm on Friday Drop in for a family board and word games afternoon. Play games and make friends. We have a range of games for you to try!



Saturday 22nd February

Regular Rhymetime session at 11am. No need to book, but spaces are limited.

At 2pm don't miss our interactive storytelling performance - Heads and Tails with enthusiastic and inspiring professional storytellers Andy Copps and John Kirk.

Promising fun, laughter, and an unforgettable afternoon, they'll explore the folklore and fables of Southern African cultures. Be ready to roar like a lion or stretch as tall as a giraffe!

For more information or to book visit www.tinyurl.com/headstory



Chatterbooks Reading Group

Our next session is on Thursday 27th February 4-5pm. The theme is "making things". We will talk about books that help us to make things, and will try making whirligigs!

Sessions are the fourth Thursday of the month.

Contact [Godalming.library@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:godalming.library@surreycc.gov.uk) to join or for more information

