

Learning in February

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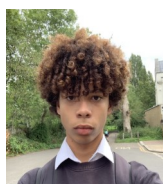
HOUSEKEEPING

General reminders

- Please remember to collect your children on time to avoid being charged the late collection fee. If you require a detailed handover about your child's day at nursery please arrive before 6:00pm. **The same applies for children whose sessions finish at, 1.00pm and 4.00pm.**
- If you are going to be away on holiday, please notify us as soon as possible in writing. All absences should be emailed to edn@eastwood.wandsworth.sch.uk
- Please ensure that your child has a coat and plenty of warm spare clothes.
- **Please share a family photograph with us if you have not done so already.**

Volunteering

Hi, I'm Jodi. I am currently volunteering at Eastwood Day Nursery. I will be spending time in Oak Class on a Tuesday afternoon and in Cedar Class on a Thursday afternoon.



DIARY DATES

March 2024

Thursday 7th March 2024—World Book Day

Friday 29th March 2024— Monday 1st April 2024

Day Nursery Closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday

June 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024—Day Nursery closed for Inset Day

Welcome

We are very pleased to have recently welcomed Ruth and Phoebe our two new casual Early Years Assistants. It is likely that you would have already met them both whilst they are supporting the children across both Oak Class and Cedar Class.

Cedar Class



Music

Together we have been making music and learning new songs at circle time. Some of the new songs have included 'Five little firefighters', 'Five little penguins', 'The music man' and 'How much is that doggy?'.

The children have made their own representational drawings of their favourite nursery rhymes and the characters in these.



Fun Outdoor Games



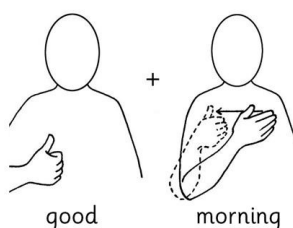
The children have been taking part in games and have especially enjoyed one named hot lava. The idea of the game is to make your way through a string obstacle course and if the string touches you, you need to go back to the beginning of the course and try again.

Conversations from this game about lava have also sparked the children's interests in volcanoes. We are therefore going to be looking at making our own pretend hot lava with bicarbonate of soda and vinegar.

The children have been experimenting with different ways of moving and also learning about the effects that exercise and movement has on their bodies.



The children have been learning new weekly Makaton signs. Last week during their morning circle times they practiced 'Good Morning'. Why not continue this at home? Please keep a look out on the Cedar Class door for our weekly signs.



The children have been busy practicing writing their own names and those of others on their artwork.

Oak Class



Learning Outdoors

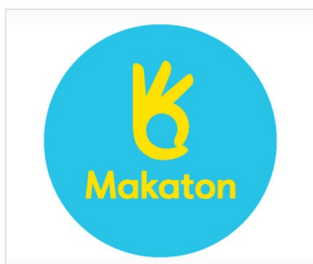
Oak Class have been showing an interest in mini beasts. The children have been doing hunting for mini beasts in the bark area where they were supported in turning logs over to search for worms, snails and slugs.



During this mark making activity, the children used water and paint brushes to make marks on the ground. The children were encouraged to discuss the marks that they made, "It's Mummy".

A special thank you to one of our parents in Oak Class, who came in to carry out an arts and crafts activity with the children. The children showed high levels of focus and attention as they stuck cotton balls onto paper to create some lovely winter flowers.

The children were encouraged to describe the texture of the cotton balls and the glue, using words such as, "sticky" and "soft".



We have been busy learning some new Makaton signs and songs.

A favourite being 'Old McDonald' you can also learn this and the signs at home -

[Makaton - OLD MACDONALD HAD A FARM - Singing Hands \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

