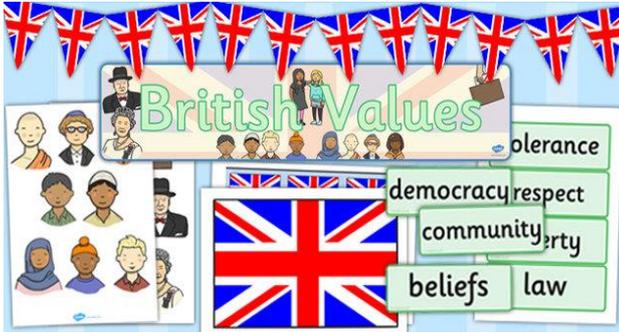


British Values



The Governing Body has been working with staff to develop a policy on British Values. This may sound like an 'off' term but as an educational setting we are required to promote British Values which the Government set out as: -

Democracy (Making decisions together- children having a voice in decision-making at Eastwood)

The Rule of Law (Understanding that rules matter- in the EYFS as an aspect of Personal, Social and Emotional Development)

Individual Liberty (Freedom for all and self-confidence and self-esteem from the EYFS)

Mutual Respect and Tolerance (Managing feelings and behaviour; making relationships and People and Communities from the EYFS and the promotion of inclusion and diversity)

We hope to publish our policy soon. In the meantime we want to develop our work around celebrating the range of cultures, religions and languages represented in Roehampton.

Safeguarding- children in cars



We have noticed that there have been times recently where a younger child or baby has been left alone in the car whilst Mum or Dad collects or drops off a child for nursery.

Can you please make sure that you do not leave children unsupervised in the car? Young children can get very distressed, they are at risk of harm whilst unsupervised and could lock themselves in the car and cannot be let out- which can quickly become an emergency. Please bring any younger sibling in with you to drop off or collect- we would love to see them!

E-safety training

We are providing early notice that on Tuesday 28th March we will be providing E-safety workshop training for all parents (all Nursery classes and Children's Centre) in a series of short workshops. You will learn about how to keep yourself and your child safe online now and in the future. Please be ready to come in for one of the workshops!

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ICT training



Transforming Technology is one of our Strategic Priorities this year and we have been delighted to have been supported with training by Technology Consultants Ian Matthews and Martin Latimer over the last few weeks. With their help we have explored our new touch screens and helped the children with their programming skills using mini floor robots. Martin returns soon to support us with E-safety training.

Book Club



We are having a real push on reading at the moment and you can support us by making sure your child regularly takes a book home, shares it with the family and then brings it back in to exchange for another. Book club is available in all our classes (Blossom; Willow; Cedar; Chestnut; Beech and Maple) and Fantastic 2s. We do not have a reading scheme - instead we have a wide range of stories, poems and information books. So please ask your key person if you have any questions and help your child with their early literacy. No child is too young to take a book home and no child is too young to have a story read to them every day!



We are coming up to parent consultation time when you have the opportunity to meet with your child's Key Person and share information about their progress, interests, strengths and next steps. We like to talk to you and provide reports that describe their abilities. We do also keep detailed assessment data on your child in our class assessment folders. If you would like to see any assessment data on your child then please ask your Key Person who will make this available to you.

Learning and Teaching at Eastwood

Beech Class

This week the children have been looking in more depth at their weather station and their weather records. They have been making tallies of days with different weather and finding out about which is the most common. The children have also been learning about the passing of days- learning about dates and using the terms 'yesterday', 'today' and 'tomorrow' correctly in context. There have also been scientific experiment- no explosions yet but many parents got to see some fizzy, frothy volcanoes at the end of the day! Some of the children visited Grow Roehampton, learned about how to grow veg and bought some vegetables to cook and taste back at school.

Maple Class

The children really enjoyed making pancakes on the campfire outside. They have also been busy gardening and getting our raised beds ready for this year's vegetable planting. To celebrate 'Clean Monday' in

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Greece they have made kites. We were very impressed with the children's stamina during their Forest School outing and that they still had the energy to enjoy dressing up for world book day and enjoy the stories that their parents came in to read. The children are now creating their own book based on the Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Chestnut Class



Chestnut class children have been making 3d models of houses and shops ready to make a village. They have been gluing, cutting

and painting and their houses are very impressive! The younger ones have become more confident with messy play and finger paint and this has been a key focus this week. Outside their room there is a lovely display of Chestnut class children getting deeply involved in reading books.

Blossom Room

It has been a very busy week in Blossom room this week. We have celebrated St David's day, made



pancakes and learnt how to flip them and of course had lots of fun dressing as our favourite book characters. It was lovely for the children to

experience new stories and a really big Thank You to those who came in to read. This week we have been cooking! We of course made pancakes and had these

for snack time. We also made bread and jam tarts. Cooking is a great way to develop children's exploration, to help them to understand processes and realise that things don't happen straight away. It's also a great sensory experience and great for developing language. As you are all aware the weather has been very up and down this week but we have been making the most of it! Children have been putting on their wellington boots and waterproofs and dancing in the rain. They have explored how water moves and ironically have been watering the plants! The children have also been playing in the water tray. We have also been taking a look at science this week and this has proved very positive. The children have looked at hot and cold, using face cloths and water to experiment.

Cedar Class

What another exciting week it has been for the children, with lots of amazing learning opportunities taking place, as well as extra fun experiences including



making and cooking pancakes, dressing up for World Book Day and our second trip to the Science Museum.

It was wonderful to see some of the children in costume for World Book Day

and others created their own outfits from our dressing up clothes, including Reka!. Thank you to the parents who supported us during our second trip to the science Museum; it was a lovely day and the children had such amazing opportunities to learn more about investigation and science. Hopefully we will have the photographs from both trips up very soon! Other learning opportunities that have taken place this week included;



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*Making rain clouds in a jar using shaving foam, water and food colouring.

*Planting our own cress.

*Counting sorting bears and matching these with numerals 0-10.

*Looking at and talking about photographs from our science museum trip.

*Playing racing games outside, counting and timing how long it takes to run around the garden.

*Drawing our favourite book characters.

Willow Room

It has been another busy week in Willow! The children have made pancakes including banana ones to cater for a range of tastes. For national book week, the children have revisited many favourite stories and shared books at group time that the children brought



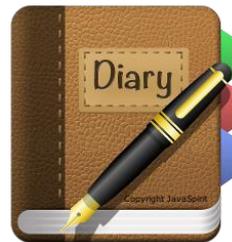
in. One of our favourites this week was 'The three little pigs' we had lots of fun 'huffing and puffing' and using musical instruments to

knock on the door! This story led to much discussion about what the wolf could eat as he was still really hungry and an extension of making play dough food in the home corner so he could be fed. We also acted out the actions of we're going on a bear hunt in the garden and a lot of children are now able to say many of the phrases from these favourite books. A big thank you to parents who came in and read stories.

Children's Centre

We are coming to the end of this term's Fantastic 2s Programme - thank you to all the children and parents for coming along to this special group. We were pleased to welcome lots of parents of local 2 year olds into the Centre this week to find out more about nursery entitlements, our Children's Centre Programme and our own Fantastic 2s group. We were pleased to be joined by 2 local nursery providers for the session.

Dates for your Diary



Polka Theatre Trip Nursery School – **Friday 10th March 2017**

Chestnut Class Parent Information Meetings – **WC Monday 13th March 2017.**

Maple Class and Beech Class - Parent Information Meetings – **Tuesday 14th and 15th March 2017.** Check appointment times with the Key person.

E-Safety Training – **Tuesday 28th March 2017**

Last day of term Nursery School - **31st March 2017**

End of term concert Nursery School – **31st March 2017**