

Friday 15th September 2023

Tiger Class Update this week...

We cannot believe how quickly another week has gone by! It has been so lovely seeing more smiley faces walking into Reception this week. It has been a pleasure getting to know the children and their families.

This week the children have been learning about making predictions. Making predictions develops children's understanding, making connections and learning to make reasonable assumptions. We predicted what would happen to half an apple when it is placed in a jar with water, vinegar or oil. Noah said "I think it will change colour. Maybe yellow. I think it will be a rainbow colour." Mysha said "I think the oil will change the apple colour."

We also had our first PE lesson with Coach PJ on Tuesday. Everyone enjoyed participating in the activities such as catching games and the Treasure Bag Race. We cannot wait to see what different activities we will do next week!

Today we had our first cooking session! We made 'Honey Cake' to celebrate the Jewish New Year Rosh Hashanah. We talked about allergies and why we used golden syrup instead of honey. The children enjoyed working together and mixing the ingredients to make the batter.



This half term's home learning for Tiger Class will be:

All About Me Box – create a box that contains small objects, information and pictures that share your interests and help us to get to know you better.

Senses – explore the five senses at home or outside with your family and explain how these senses impact our lives.

Reading and Nursery Rhymes – read books that come home and practice singing nursery rhymes learnt at school. This will support the further development your child's communication and language skills.

Update from Sarah Jane,

It's been wonderful to see our school grow in numbers as we welcome new families this week. A reminder that our main focus this half term is concentrating on the children's well-being and involvement. Research shows that if children are happy, feel safe and have built secure relationships then they will learn new concepts easily, so that's why we put so much emphasis on wellbeing.

I visited the new site this week and I was delighted to see that the 7 classrooms on the ground floor are almost complete. They are all really spacious, clean, light and airy and I just can't wait to get our resources in there to bring Mulberry Wood Wharf to life. The site manager explained that whilst cosmetically it looks complete, there are now a series of internal system checks that need carrying out. Whilst they are still awaiting a part for an electrical switch, they have been able to continue to be on track with the site programme.

The Local Authority still need to confirm the date that the school will gain partial occupation to the building. Once the building is handed to us, we will carry out a number of risk assessments and train staff before we move the children.

Planning is taking place behind scenes to ensure that the move will be a smooth transition for the children, staff, and families. I will update you on these plans once we receive a handover date.

Have a lovely weekend everyone

Sarah Jane

Diary dates coming up (details to follow)

20.9	Poetry Performances-Panda Class
25.9	Meet The Teacher-Blue Whale Class
27.9	Meet The Teacher-Tiger Class
28.9	Meet The Teacher-Panda
3.10	Trip to Museum of London Docklands-Panda Class