Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026

Round up of the week:

This week our theme has been **Our Senses**, and we've had lots of fun finding different ways to explore them.

One of our favourite activities was exploring our chocolate, berry and lemon playdough – lots of lovely colours and smells! The children were also offered cloves and cumin seeds to add to their playdough if they wanted to, bringing even more interesting scents, textures and patterns into their creations. There was lots of squishing, rolling, smelling and experimenting – and plenty of conversation about what everyone could see, smell and feel.

We also had a very special visitor – Spike the tortoise! The children absolutely loved meeting him and were fascinated watching him move and looking closely at his shell. It was a lovely chance to talk about gentle hands and how we care for animals and other living things.

We've been spending more time together on the carpet talking about our Golden Rules and what they mean for us at Flying Start – kind hands, listening ears, walking feet and looking after our friends and preschool. If you can use some of these little phrases at home too, it really helps us give the children the same consistent messages.













Outdoor Learning

Our Senses theme has given us so many lovely opportunities to learn outdoors this week. There's been lots of water play, pouring, filling, mixing and experimenting, as well as taking time to really notice the different sounds, smells and textures all around us.

Katherine had great fun with the children in the garden exploring lots of different musical instruments – and they absolutely LOVED it! They experimented with the different sounds they could make, listened to one another and, of course, made plenty of noise!

We've also played 'guess the scent', explored herbs and other interesting smells and gone looking for as many different textures as we could find around the garden – smooth, rough, hard, soft and bumpy.



Other Messages

Next week our theme is 'Dear Zoo', and we're very excited to have a Vet visiting on Tuesday, 29th September. **Please send your child in with a special teddy or cuddly animal so they can join in with the fun!**

We'll also be introducing our **Makaton Sign of the Week,** starting with 'Mummy'. We'd love you to have a go at home too! Watch the CBeebies Makaton sign for 'Mummy'

GOLDEN RULES

1. Be kind:
   - Gentle hands
   - Kind words
   - Caring for our toys



Let's share our smiles with all the world!

2. Be safe:
   - Walking inside
   - Hands to ourselves



Keep our friends and toys safe and sound!

3. Be ready:
   - Listening ears
   - Looking eyes
   - Give things a try



Let's learn and play — we'll reach the sky!

Be kind, be safe, be ready each day —
That's the preschool way!

