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# Theydon Bois Pre-School Group

## Newsletter – 1 May 2022



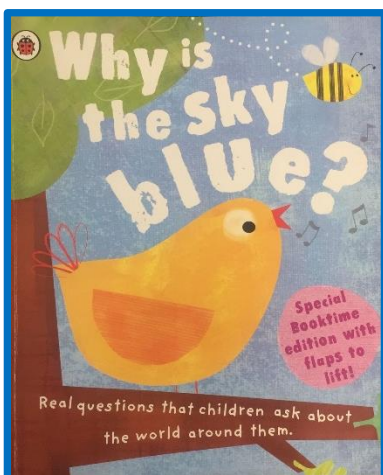
### How Many Chicks Were in the Jar?

There were a total of **134** chicks in the jar! Chloe and Jack were the winners with closest guesses of 135 and 137.

A big THANK YOU to Deborah on our Fundraising Committee for organising this event and to all those children, parents and staff who took part. We raised **£22.15** which is being used to purchase our caterpillars for part of our life cycle topic this term.



Our **art work** this week has looked at spring flowers, taking care of our bees and lady birds and life cycles of a plant....



### Literacy.... Our focus book this week was called [Why is the Sky Blue?](#)

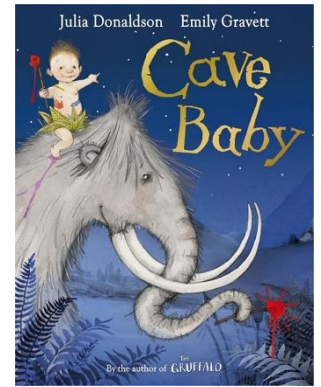
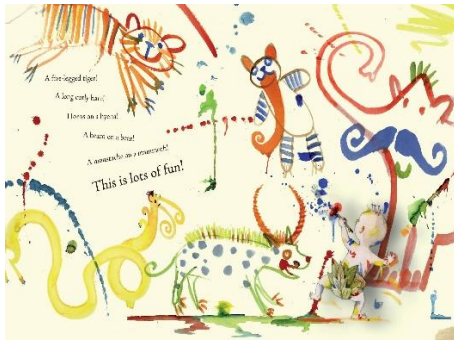
Children were encouraged to speak out with their guesses....here are some of the children's amazing answers..

- A. Because its windy.
- B. Because it is blue in the day and at night-time when the stars come out it is black.
- C. Because it is light blue in the morning and changes to dark blue at night.

Do our parents know the correct answer?! Scroll to the last page of this newsletter to find out...

On Wednesday this week we enjoyed reading [Cave Baby](#) by Julia Donaldson. Cave Baby is a story of a baby who lives in a cave with his mother and father. There are fabulous drawings on the cave walls, and one day, the bored baby decided to get a little creative himself. He paints spots, stripes, stars, squiggles and zig zags all over the cave walls.

After reading this story the children created their own animals and art work on their 'cave wall'.



In our **phonics/literacy** groups we have been focusing on developing fine and gross motor skills, pencil grip and keeping our pen on the paper. A great way to practice this is by drawing lines, circles and patterns. This will encourage us to keep our pens on the paper and help us to move forward onto forming letters.



We had so much fun learning our new sounds and matching objects to them with the help of our sound's hero Fred Frog.





The pre-school is going **cashless**\*!!

Pre-school staff will no longer be accepting cash or cheques at the gate. Bank transfers continue to be our preferred method of payment for uniform, donations and fees. If you need the pre-school bank details please do get in touch.

Our Treasurer is working on acquiring a contactless card machine for the pre-school.

\*cash will still be accepted for our fundraising initiatives.

## Admissions - Can YOU help?

We have a child that attends Wednesdays 9am-3pm who is looking to swap with a child attending Mondays 9am-3pm. If you would like to make this swap please can I ask you to contact [Admissions](#) as soon as possible.

A reminder from Admissions to those parents with children who will remain with us in September to [email](#) any changes to your child's current sessions by Friday 13 May.



With the **summer** approaching please remember to send your child in with a sunhat and sun lotion when needed. All children should come to pre-school with a named bag containing at least one set of spare clothes.

ANSWER – [Why](#) is the Sky Blue?

