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# Theydon Bois Pre-School Group

## Newsletter – 9 May 2022



**Letter of the week**....Instead of bringing in a doll/toy etc we are encouraging the children to bring items for show and tell that start with the letter of the week. This week the letter is **O**.

If the children have special news to share (perhaps they have a new pet or baby in the family which they have a photo of), or a souvenir from a recent trip to tell us about that we would love for them to share this with their friends to.

### Incredible Eggs...We have 'egg-citing' news!

As we continue with our life cycle topic we look forward to 'eggs-pecting' a delivery of eggs next week which the children will be able to watch hatch over the course of the week. Once the chicks are hatched, they can be cared for and carefully handled, (under adult supervision) observed and their antics enjoyed by the children.

If for any reason you would not like your child to handle the chicks, please do email the pre-school [office](#).

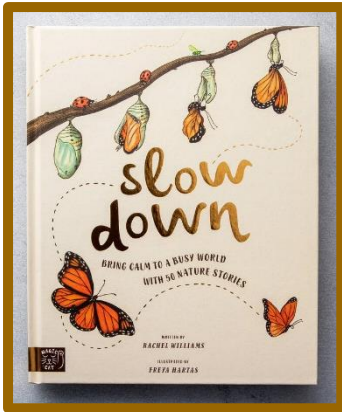


As the 'egg-citement' builds up for the children and staff to receive our eggs/chicks next week we spent time talking about what the chicks may look like when they break through from their eggs and painted our broken shells with our chicks in.

**Caterpillars**...today marked the arrival of our caterpillars!! Over the course of the next week (or so!) the children will be able to watch the caterpillars munch their food and turn themselves into a chrysalis before performing their magic and reappearing as painted lady butterflies!

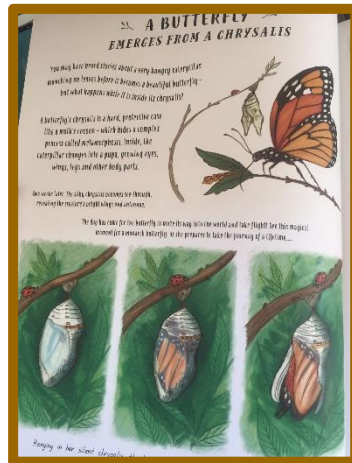
The children and staff look forward to being able to handle and release the butterflies on a sunny day when they are strong enough.





**Slow Down** by Rachel Williams... 'All around us, nature is working wonders. Every day, hour by hour, magical transformations happen right in front of you. But it's not always easy to see them'. This book is one of Manager Tammy's favourite books which she will be sharing with the children this week. It has beautiful illustrations and over 50 nature stories covering our life cycle topic alongside the chicks and caterpillars we will be meeting.

If this is a book you would like to have at home please click on the front cover photo which will take you to Amazon.



**Gardening**...The children have been busy planting runner beans, mini cucumbers and chives ready to plant into our veggie patch and herb garden.



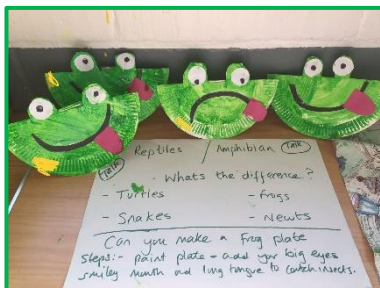


As the environment around us changes with the seasons we have been very lucky to see the trees begin to blossom across the village. Please do point them out to your children on your walks to/from pre-school... using cotton buds, paint and using their fine motorskills the children created these delicate paintings of the blossom trees around us...



To aid the action rhymes song 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' the children created their own speckled frogs (click on the link above to hear the rhyme).

Ashley and Karen created our **Busy Fingers Activity** last week which was thoroughly enjoyed by the majority of the children and required them to use their concentration skills and helped to develop their hand-eye coordination.



We discussed the difference between a reptile and an amphibian, a frogs life cycle and what they prefer to eat, how they eat and how they see underwater...one suggestion was they wore goggles..

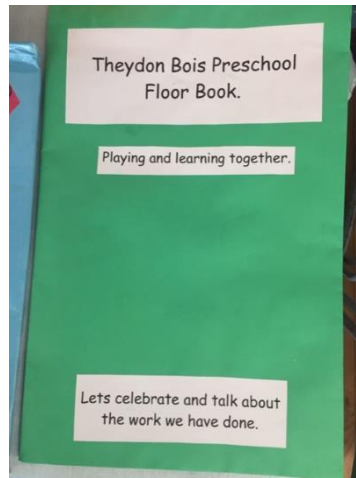




**Phonics** in the past week...Melanie has been introducing some of the children to segmenting and blending sounds. They had to help find the initial sounds that Fred Frog had hidden to make real words again.

Familiar sounds that the children have learnt from previous weeks were used. These sounds included...m, a, d, s, t, l, n, p, g, o.

Continuing with promoting the importance of communication, language and literacy we have started making **Floor Books**, these books are perfect for engaging children and encouraging them to speak out, memory recall and to see themselves in the story.

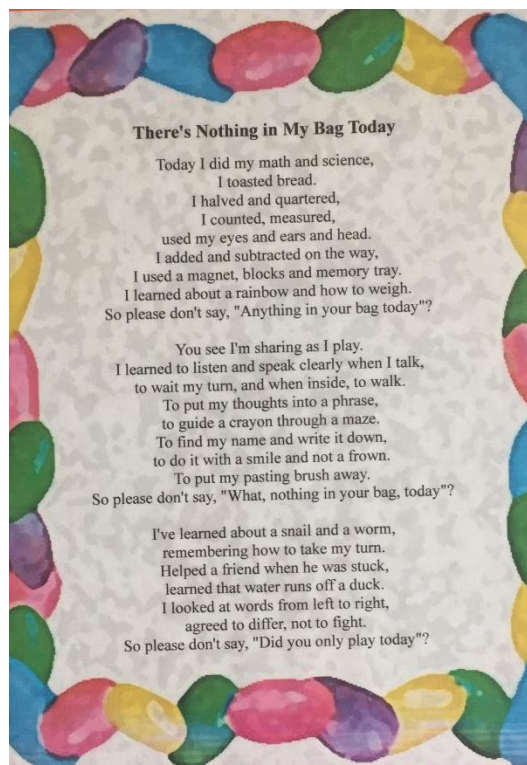


Floor Books are large books that contain snapshots of the children's day to day learning. Children find it fascinating seeing themselves at play within our story book idea...

Watch this space for the very successful and updated idea of 'Borrow a Book' – Coming soon!



Thank you to Susan who has created our impressive **Topic Table**....children visit this area frequently and talk to each other about what they see.



## Uniform

A gentle reminder to our parents that it is best to send your child in clothes that are easily washable and/or not too new. For their safety and the safety of others they should wear closed toe shoes and no jewellery.

We have pre-school t-shirts and sweatshirts that we encourage your child to wear so that you can ensure your children's lovely clothes are kept nice for when they are at home.

If you would like to purchase uniform, please pay via bank transfer and collect from the pre-school gate.