



DT STEM Week

This week, EYFS have had a truly wonderful time exploring, designing, discovering and learning during STEM Week.

We were very excited to welcome Mr Lawson-Perfect, who shared a brand-new shape he has discovered and showed us how it can be fitted together to create amazing patterns.

He also told us about his upcoming beach project at Whitley Bay Beach, where lots of the new shapes will be used to print across the sand—how exciting! The children loved experimenting with the smaller shapes he brought in, using paint to print and explore how they could join them together to create their own unique patterns and designs.

We also had a fantastic time baking bread with Mrs Gascoigne, a DT teacher from Whitley Bay High School. She showed us how yeast works and guided us through the bread-making process. The children thoroughly enjoyed kneading, shaping and watching their dough rise before baking—and, of course, tasting their delicious creations!

As part of our whole-school project, we designed superheroes and created ideas for prosthetic limbs, thinking carefully about what special powers they might give.

We also took on the STEM challenge of designing and building bridges to help minibeasts cross water safely. Working brilliantly in teams, the children shared ideas and gathered natural materials from the forest area to construct their bridges. It was wonderful to see such teamwork, creativity and problem-solving—and the minibeasts were certainly grateful for their safe crossings!

A huge thank you to all the visitors and volunteers who came in and shared their wonderful knowledge of Design and Technology and STEM—it truly made the week extra special and inspiring for the children.



Caterpillar update

We were very excited to return after the bank holiday weekend to discover that our class caterpillars had formed their cocoons (chrysalises). We have been very careful not to disturb them and have gently moved them into our special butterfly netting to keep them safe. Now we wait patiently for 1-2 weeks while the magical transformation takes place inside the chrysalis. We are hoping to see the butterflies emerge before we finish for our May half term! It has been amazing to watch how quickly the caterpillars have grown and changed, and we cannot wait to see the beautiful butterflies appear.



Safe in the sun

Please ensure your child brings a named sun hat to keep at school.

We also ask that all children arrive each morning with all-day sun cream already applied.

As we spend a lot of time outdoors, these measures help us keep all children safe and comfortable in the sun.

Thank you for your support.



Important diary dates and information

16.5.26- EYFS open morning 9:30-11:30am for prospective parents and their children of nursery and reception age. Please share with prospective families who would like to see our wonderful school.

21.5.26- School closes for May Half term holiday

22.5.26- Teacher training day

16.6.26- Rec, yr 1 sports day (2-3pm)

Reminders:

- **Home learning Journals-** Thank you for all the lovely journal entries this week. We will be collecting the journals in on Monday 18th May.
- **Reading folders-** Please ensure your child's reading folder is in their book bag every day. We change books usually on a Monday and Friday, but we sometimes get a chance to read with your child through the week too. **Please can we remind parents/ carers to record in their child's journal when you have read with your child at home too.**
- **Labelling items of clothing-** Please can you ensure all items of clothing including hats, gloves, scarfs, shoes, jumpers/cardigans and coats are labelled clearly with your child's name.
- **Cool Milk.** Please remember that your child/ children are not eligible for free school milk after their 5th birthday. If you would like your child to continue having milk at school, you must contact Cool Milk directly at least two weeks before their birthday.



Have a lovely weekend.

The Reception Team 😊