



Grace Cook Gazette

GRACE COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL AND
NURSERY



A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We've come to the end of our first few weeks back at school and the children have been fully immersed in their learning from the off! For those of you who are receiving your first monthly newsletter we aim to give you a little taster of learning across the school.

It was great to see so many of you at our Phonics Evening on Thursday 28th September. If you missed the evening, your child's classteacher have packs and a home school agreement for you to sign. We look forward to seeing many of you at our Parents evenings in a couple of weeks.

Mr Dediccoat - Headteacher

September 2023

Diary Dates

**Wednesday 4th October - Parent Tours
begin for intake 2024**

17th/ 18th October - Parents Evenings
(Book through Arbor)

23rd -27th October Half Term

Monday 18th December - Penguin Plod

**Wednesday 19th December - Christmas
Dinner and Jumper day.**

Wednesday 20th December - Last Day of
term

**Wednesday 3rd January 2024- PD Day -
no pupils today**

Thursday 4th January - First day of Spring
Term



Nursery - Moon Room

In Moon room we have been developing our fine motor skills, using pipettes to fill up the bowls with water and mixing colours. The bowls contained sliced lemons and pink grapefruit for children to explore with their senses.

We have read the colour monster book and spoken about the emotions he is feeling and developing an association with colours. The children were invited to make colour monsters with the coloured play dough and loose parts and we spoke about what makes us happy, sad, angry etc.

The children pumped their own paint and used rolling pins, leaves, and their hands to mark make. The children enjoyed discovering what colours they could make and the different patterns that appeared when using the resources.

To develop our counting skills, we used loose parts such as wood slices, buttons and stones to count into the diggers during 'things that go' week.



Nursery - Star Room

This Autumn term, Star Class are exploring the theme “In to the woods” our nursery children will be reading a different book each week around this topic, we really enjoyed reading owl babies and learning all there is to know about owls.

We’ve also been discovering 2D shapes, we have been looking at how many corners and sides our shapes have, is our shape straight, flat or round, thinking about our environment and where we might see different 2D shapes, whilst on our shape walk.

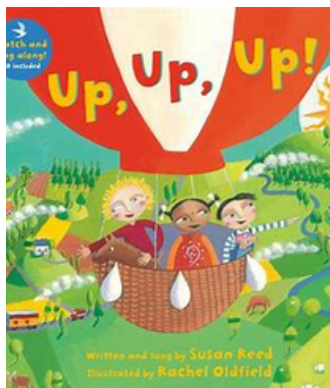
The final picture shows the children exploring different ways to paint our bears using natural resources, wood slices, potatoes and carrots to create with paint our big brown bears.



Welcome

It has been wonderful to meet all of the new children and families that have joined Sun Class.

This term our texts are based around the theme of 'Jolly Journeys' and to begin with we have explored 'Up, Up, Up' and 'Big Blue Train'.



Mercury class

We have had an amazing start to Year 1. It has been a pleasure to have all the children join Mercury class and with new faces we have enjoyed getting to know one another. Year 1 is always a big change from Reception and we are following a busy, but exciting timetable and curriculum. The children are throwing themselves into their learning with great resilience! Well done Mercury class!



Venus Class

The children have settled well into Venus class and have enjoyed every aspect of the curriculum. We have used a range of resources in mathematics to help us to understand and compare numbers up to 100. We have also explored our school surroundings a number of times to look for human and physical features, as well as animal habitats.

