

Grace Cook Gazette

GRACE COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL AND
NURSERY



A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of another busy term, it's a good time to look back and reflect on our learning journeys. Please find attached some highlights from March, which has been busy with us celebrating World Book Day, Red Nose Day, setting up our Friends of Grace Cook group and welcoming new children and families to our school.

We look forward to longer days, warmer weather, trips and new learning in the weeks and summer months ahead.

Wishing all our families a very happy Easter.

Mr Dediccoat - Headteacher

March 2024

Diary Dates



2024

Friday 29th March - Thursday 11th April -
Easter Holidays

**Friday 12th April - PD day - No pupils
today**

Monday 15th April - First day of the
Summer Term

**27th May - 31st May - Summer Half
Term**

Friday 21st June - PD Day - No pupils
today

**Friday 28th June - Sports Day (Details
to be confirmed)**

Friday 19th July - Last day of term



Nursery - Moon Room

In Moon Room we put on our hard hats and became builders for the week. We constructed with wooden blocks, talking about which tower was taller or shorter. Using recycled boxes and PVA glue, we built houses and used loose parts such as rocks and lolly sticks with playdough to create our own structures.



We learnt about the people who work in the community and help us. The children had fun role playing as police officers and nurses, using bandages, and dressing up in hats. We sorted letters into their post boxes by numbers and colours and used spray bottles in the water tray to put out fires like firefighters.

We also had an exciting visit from two police officers who brought along their police car for us to look at. The children got to sit in the car and turn on the blue lights!



February has brought us a lot of rain which means lots of muddy puddles! We put on our coats and wellies and enjoyed squelching and jumping in the mud. The children also got creative in the mud kitchen, using the spoons and saucepans to cook up something delicious.



Nursery - Star Room

Star Room took a trip to the school library on World Book Day. The children were so excited to walk over to the main school and explore all the different books on display. They sat and looked through stories together and listened to the adults read their favourite books they had brought in from home to share with their friends.



We have been learning all about Spring - and have been so excited to spot early signs like flower buds and insects coming out. We have been practicing our painting skills by creating still-life pictures of spring flowers. We were so proud of our daffodil creations!

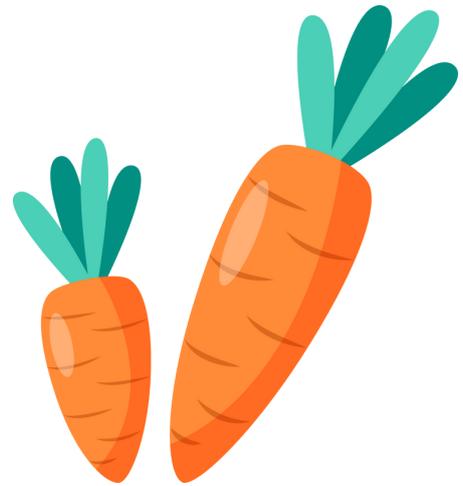
As the weather has been getting warmer, Star Room has been spending more time learning outside. We enjoyed playing in the water and sand trays, as well as drawing all over the ground with colourful chalk.



Sun Class

As you know at Grace Cook we promote the Curiosity Approach, incorporating authentic resources into our teaching to support children's learning. So this week to bring the lifecycle of a chicken alive we are hatching our own chicks. On Monday ten eggs arrived and we placed them in an incubator and watched. On Wednesday cracks appeared and six chicks had hatched by the end of the day. The children are amazed by this and are asking so many questions about the lifecycle. Over the next week we will learn how to care for the chicks as they grow and those of us brave enough will be able to hold one. This really has been a wonderful experience.

Mrs Mayes



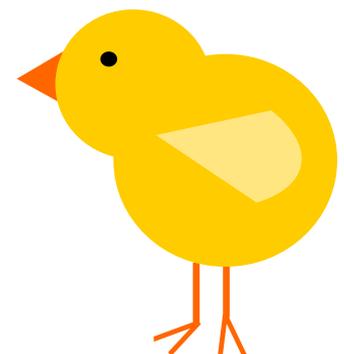
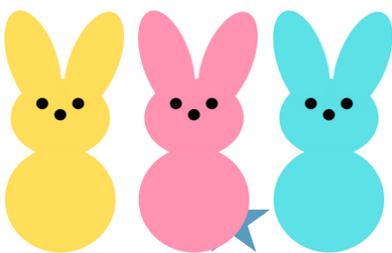
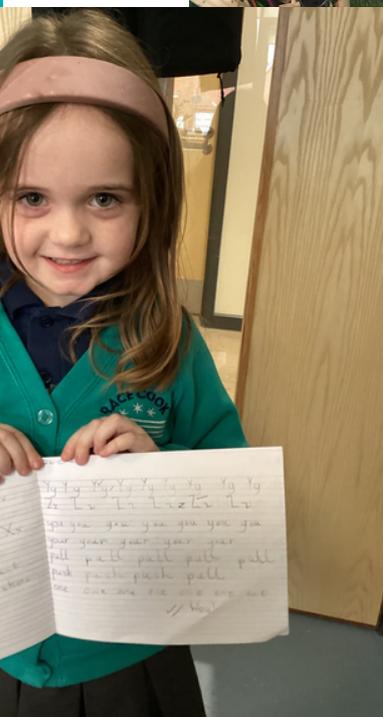
Mercury class



We have had a wonderful Spring term. The children have learnt about a range of interesting topics and subjects. We began lots of new units. For example, 'Significant People' in History, 'Hot and Cold Places,' in Geography, 'Textiles' in Art and many more! The children have thrown themselves into each one and are amazing at recalling facts!

We continue to work hard in all subjects, but I am particularly impressed with their wonderful improvement and interest in their writing and handwriting. So many children take pride in their work! This is having an amazing impact on our independent write every Friday!

Miss Barnett



Venus Class

Venus class have had a very busy March. We have been planting flowers, making salads and pitta crisps as well as inviting all our parents to an Easter themed party. It was great to use our very own Food Technology room too! Have a great Easter.

Miss Dray

