

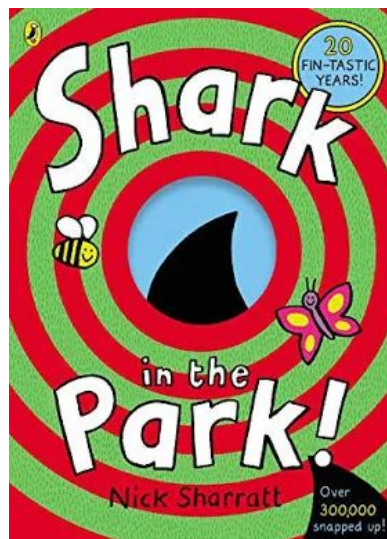
Peek at the Week



Our Five Main Senses

This week we have been starting to learn about our five main senses - hearing, taste, sight, touch and smell. We spent some time listening to animal noises and sound of everyday objects and trying to work out what we could hear. We also learnt about taste and how different foods have different tastes, such as sweet, sour, salty and bitter. We tasted a range of foods - banana, lemon, salted crisps and rocket leaves. Not everyone liked what they tasted but they were able to say how they tasted and which foods they liked or did not like.

We have reread the story of Shark in the Park and drawn our own story maps to show our understanding of the story structure and sequence. We used our story maps to retell the story



Mystery Reader!

We would like you to help us! Every week we are asking for a family member to come and read a story to their children's class. Maybe your child's favourite bedtime story? Maybe a story from your own childhood? It could be in your home language. This would be at the end of the day for no more than 10-15 minutes.

If you would like to volunteer, or just want to know more details, please secretly talk to or, even better, email your class teacher. **Remember – DON'T TELL YOUR CHILD! This is to be a surprise for them too!**



Outdoor Clothes for Winter

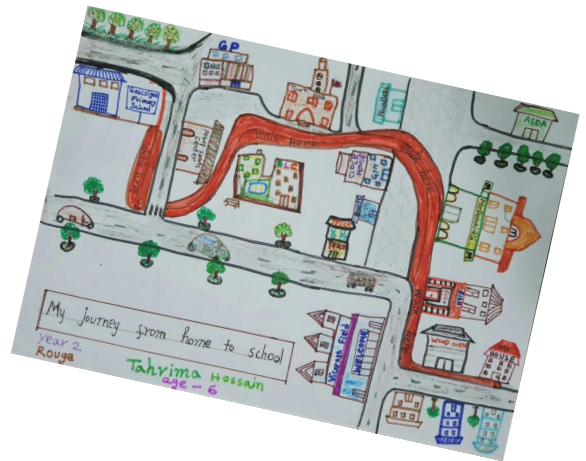
Please make sure that your child has a warm winter coat and a hat, gloves and a scarf. The children play outside in all weathers in Early Years, and always at lunch time. We are expecting a lot of rain and possibly more snow, over the next few weeks.

Spare Clothes

Whilst we try to ensure the children stay dry, splashing in puddles is great fun and hard to resist! Most children have spare clothes in school, so they can change when they come inside. We would just ask that, if your child brings home wet clothes, could we please have another set of clothes in school as soon as possible. We have a few school clothes we can lend, but not many.

Dip and Do - How do you get to school

We are going to be learning about our journey to school and making maps. Please talk to your child and make them aware of landmarks they pass on their journey. If you could send photographs of key landmarks, eg. shops, big trees, a postbox, a hospital, it would be very helpful.



Forest School

The children will have Forest School sessions on a Thursday morning with Riad. The classes will go every other week. We are looking for parents who would be available to support us with these sessions either weekly or on a rota basis. If you think you can help please contact your class teacher (see email addresses below).

Forest School timetable:

January

22nd - Bronze

29th - Silver

February

5th - Bronze

12th - Silver

26th - Bronze

Thank you to all the parents who have helped at Forest School. The children are loving having parents come to help. We can always take more!

Maths Workshop

Come and find out how we teach maths in Reception and how you can support your child this year

December	January	February
<p>EYFS Nativity Friday 16th 9:30-11:30am W 2:45-3:15pm Main Hall</p>	<p>Maths Workshop Thursday 22nd January 8:30-9:15am Copper Class</p>	<p>Live Maths Meeting Thursday 12th 2:45-3:15pm Bronze and Silver Classrooms.</p>
March	April	May
<p>Early Birds: Maths Wednesday 18th 8:30-9:15am Bronze and Silver Classrooms</p>	<p>Live Phonics Wednesday 22nd 8:45-9:30am Bronze and Silver Classrooms</p>	<p>Family Reading Celebration Friday 8th 2:45-3:15pm Bronze and Silver Classrooms</p>
June	July	August
<p>Bronze Class Assembly Friday 19th 9:00-9:30am Main Hall</p>	<p>Silver Class Assembly Friday 3rd 9:00-9:30am Main Hall</p> <p>Early Bird: Summer Holiday Activities Friday 10th 8:30-9:15am</p>	<p>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</p>

Volunteers to Hear Readers

We would welcome parents who would like to come in and hear children read either regularly or occasionally. It is so beneficial to the children to have many occasions to practise their reading. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to your class teacher.

Important dates

Maths Workshop- Thursday 22nd January 2026

School Dinner Menu

The school dinner menu can be found on the school website at:

<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=School+Lunch&pid=114>

Contact emails

If you would like to contact any of us by email. We will reply as soon as possible within school working hours.

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Pictures to follow1