

Reception 2003/4



September arrived once again, with many familiar faces joining us from our Nursery. We also welcomed new families. The year began with a topic on 'Ourselves' so we all found out about each other very quickly.

Visitors to Reception over the year included PC Hicks and Dena the Dentist. A visit from 'Baby Bett' led to bathing the dolls, enjoyed by all the children. Canine visitors included a new arrival in the Clay family and Freddie the Dog, who came for his annual wash, blow dry and treat!

As the first term progressed and the children grew in confidence, they had the opportunity to express their own ideas in performing an informal Christmas Nativity. 'Mary would like flowers, not a lamb now she's had a baby', said Shepherd No. 1.

The New Year came, we sailed away in Titanic, visited the land of penguins and investigated ice. The weather for once co-operated and snow fell, it was a wonderful opportunity to go outside for some hands on experience.

Later in the Lent term, Reception classes came together to enjoy Science Day. We investigated 'how things move', great fun was had by all moving each other in a bath on rollers and making jets. The latest technology was used, with solar powered vehicles and robotic arms.

In the Summer term we began looking at how we could make better use of the outdoor area immediately outside the classrooms. We were grateful to help from Mrs Wood in preparing and planting. We enjoyed watching the flowers and vegetables develop. What a surprise when we returned after the holidays to find giant sunflowers, tomatoes and even pumpkins!

The children were excited with the introduction of the minibeast topic. Traps were built and bug houses were made. Caterpillars hatched and we were able to observe at close hand the change into butterflies.



Investigating Autumn



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The end of the year arrived, Reception classes came together to perform an 'Eggstraordinary Tale'; was Humpty pushed or did he fall!? We all marveled at the children's progress, confidence and independence which developed over the year, making them more than ready to move on into Year 1.

Trip to Bedgebury

Ellie Casselden, RR

I caught a spider. It was too fast for me, it had 8 legs, it was black. It was creeping in the pot. I was scared, I thought it was going to climb up my back.

Natasha Govett 5yrs. RB

I liked pond dipping. I caught a water spider. I was amazed when it walked on the water.

Theo Jeffery 5yrs. RB

I liked pond dipping. I had a net. I caught a shrimp like thing with three tails. It was not a shrimp because they live in the sea.

Humpty Dumpty (an alternative to 'what happened')

George Mannion 5yrs. RB

Humpty Dumpty was sitting on a wall. A cowboy came and shot the wall and the wall all fell down. There was only one more brick left holding Humpty Dumpty up and he was left sitting on it. Then the wall collapsed. 'Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow! Ow! ow!' said Humpty.

George Embley 5yrs. RB

Humpty Dumpty was sitting on the wall. A space ship was landing. The spaceship knocked Humpty Dumpty off the wall. 'Where did that come from?' he said.

Georgia Clay 5yrs. RB

Humpty Dumpty was trying to pull his tooth out. He pulled so hard that he fell off. It was hard. He landed in a heap of rubbish. He wanted to get back on but he couldn't. He was cracked all over!

Humpty Dumpty, was he pushed or did he fall?

Felix Marshall, RR

Jack and Jill told Humpty a joke. He wobbled and fell off the wall. The Duke of York and his brigade they saw the egg yolk. It was very runny and that was the end of Humpty.

Harry Bett, RR

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall. The wind blew Humpty down and Humpty cracked. All the soldiers put Humpty together again with the plasters.

Sam Lloyd, RR

Humpty sat on a wall. It was icy. He looked up and saw an enormous snowflake. It landed on his head and he fell off. He cracked up.

When I grow up -

James Wood 5yrs. RB

When I grow up I want to be a pilot because I like aeroplanes. They are fun. I want to fly an F16 and an F18 jet plane and other planes. I could fly from Duxford to Eastbourne airport in about 38 minutes.

Edmund Carter, RR

When I grow up want to be a soldier who digs up mines. I will have to march and salute.

Emily Gray, RR

When I grow up I want to be a farmer and I want to have one pig and I want to have a hen. I would get mucky and I would be very, very busy. I will have a very mucky husband called John. He will clean out the pigs.

