



Pre-Prep News - Friday 1 October

Year 1

This week we have enjoyed carrying on with our topic on Space. The boys enjoyed creating their own *Milky Way* using pastels and are really excited with the new International Space Station role play area in our classroom. We wrote about what we would pack to go to space and labelled key parts of the International Space Station.

At the start of term, the boys made some great masks to wear and re-enact the story of *Supertato* by Sue Hendra.

Miss Kunzer



Forest School

This week in Forest School Reception focused on leaves. We chatted about the importance of the veins in the leaves and had fun collecting a range of different types. The boys made rubbings and using some magical paint pens, they traced the veins and created some lovely decorated leaves. Year 1 took part in several outdoor mathematical challenges. The boys randomly chose a number and then had to decide how far in terms of steps that number would take them. They then enjoyed the challenge with some degree of success! Their ability to estimate improved as the session went on. The boys also had fun making some shapes out of natural items that gradually decreased in size.

Year 2 spent their afternoon down at the St Cross water meadows this week. Their session was led by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT) and the boys had a wonderful time stream-dipping and making simple rush boats in order to measure the flow of the river. The Year 3 Forest School trip to St Cross was postponed so we spent a wonderful session in the Arboretum. The boys adopted a tree and over the coming months will observe the changes that will happen. They were also challenged with creating a natural magical square; maths skills were applied, and the boys chatted through the challenge within their small group. I was impressed with their perseverance.

Mrs Walker

