



17th April 2026

Welcome back. We can't believe it is already the Summer Term!

Our learning this week:

STEM/Science Week

The children had a lot of fun during our Curiosity Science Workshop on Wednesday and were amazed by the live demonstrations which encouraged them to predict, test ideas and explore how forces, energy, air pressure and electricity shape the world around us. We also did our own science experiments in the classroom. We hope it left them inspired to keep questioning and exploring.



Maths

We continued our addition and subtraction learning and focussed on understanding subtraction as decreasing an amount by using subtraction stories. We also found the missing part in addition and subtraction stories.

At home: What amount is missing from this equation? Use the picture to help.

$6 - \square = 3$

First Then Now

The diagram illustrates a subtraction story using cupcakes. It starts with a plate of 6 cupcakes labeled 'First'. An arrow points to a second plate with 3 cupcakes and a large teal box, labeled 'Then'. A final arrow points to a third plate with 3 cupcakes, labeled 'Now'. This visualizes the equation $6 - \square = 3$.

Weekly Learning Letter

English

This week, the children were exposed to poetry through the poems 'The Rhythm of Life' by Michael Rosen and 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough. We discussed the features and rhythms of the poems and what we liked about each one. Then we collected our own sounds and worked in groups to create a 'Sound Collector' poem. The children performed their poems to each other, adding rhythm, expression and actions.

At home:

Memorise one or two verses of *The Sound Collector* and perform them to someone at home.

The Sound Collector - by Roger McGough



A stranger called this morning
Dressed all in black and grey
Put every sound into a bag
And carried it away



The whistling of the kettle
The turning of the lock
The purring of the kitten
The ticking of the clock



The popping of the toaster
The crunching of the flakes
When you spread the marmalade
The scraping noise it makes



The hissing of the frying pan
The ticking of the grill
The bubbling of the bath tub
As it starts to fill



The drumming of the raindrops
On the window pane
When you do the washing up
The gurgle of the drain



The crying of the baby
The squeaking of the chair
The swishing of the curtain
The creaking of the stair



A stranger called this morning
He didn't leave his name
Left us only silence
Life will never be the same

Indoor PE

Our topic this term is multi skills and this week children practised their balancing skills. We used lines on the floor to help us pretend we were walking on tightropes! We also placed items on our heads to see if we could balance them whilst moving around the hall.

Phonics your child has been learning this week:

	Sounds	Tricky Words
Jayne's Group	or u oul are au aur oor aw	oh their once our laugh
Kate's Group	e y ea wh oa o ir aw ue u ew	want water any many again
Rhiannon's Group	ai ee igh oa oo oo ar or ur ow oi ear	We he she me be of says there when what one
Sarah's Group	a-e i-e o-e u-e	Mr Mrs Ms could would should

Practise at home using these games: [PhonicsPlay - Phase 4 Resources](#) (Picnic on Pluto, Dragon's Den, Buried Treasure)

Children's Rights

Our Articles of the Month are Article 6 & Article 24. They are linked to Earth Day which is taking place on April 22nd. Article 6 is about the right to life and governments doing all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential. Article 24 is about governments providing good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment so that children can stay healthy.



Next week, we will be celebrating Earth Day and throughout the week we will be raising awareness of the importance of everyday actions in fighting climate change. Please refer to the main newsletter to find out how you can support us at home with



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these important messages. Eco Committee have put together a plan of simple actions that can be done at home and school.

KILMORIE
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Dates for your diary

Friday 1st May: 5:45pm – 6:30pm - Parents Phonics and Phonics screening workshop (please come to the main office)

Tuesday 5th May – Ladybirds and Treefrogs Educational Visit to the Horniman

Saturday 9th May: 11:00 - 14:30 – Early Years Garden Party – please bring in items for our Rainbow Hampers, which will be raffled to raise money for school resources. You can hand these to your class teacher between Monday 20th April and Thursday 7th May. Items could include non-perishable food, toiletries, candles, bottles, gifts, toys, books, chocolates, etc. Thank you for your support.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!

The Year One Team