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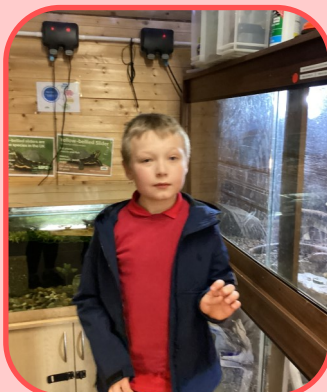
Rabbit Class

As part of our current topic, *Animals and Their Habitats*, Rabbit Class recently visited the petting zoo at Maldon Promenade Petting Zoo. During the visit, the children had the opportunity to explore and learn about a variety of different animals and reptiles. They were also able to stroke and interact with many of the animals, helping to bring their classroom learning to life in a fun and engaging way.



Rabbit Class Continued...

All of the children were incredibly brave throughout the trip, with most taking every opportunity to interact with everything that was available to them. They represented the school wonderfully, showing excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and curiosity throughout the day. We were all very proud of them, and they were a real credit to the school.



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Sign of the Week

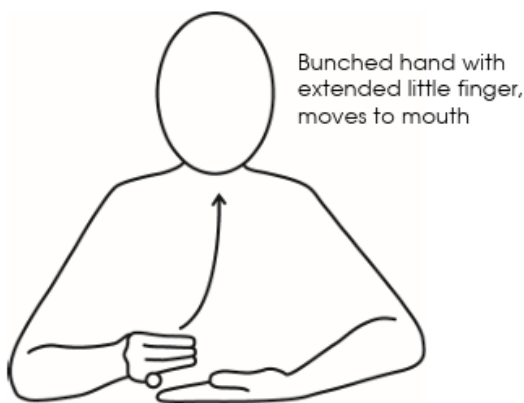
18th – 24th May 2026

This week's sign is '**Tea**'!

Join in with our Sign of the Week. Make and share your own video using the hashtag #WeTalkMakaton.



Tea (2)



Bunched hand with
extended little finger,
moves to mouth

Tea

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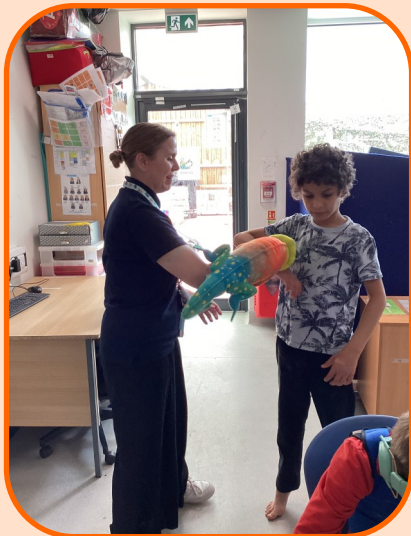
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Squirrel Class

Squirrel Class have had a fantastic time this term exploring the topic of animals. The children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm as they discovered different habitats, animal sounds, movements and textures through a range of engaging activities. One of the highlights for the class was our desert sensory story. The children thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in the experience, exploring sensory elements linked to the desert environment and engaging beautifully with the story through touch, sound and movement.



We are incredibly proud of how hard the children have been working on their regulation and communication skills. Throughout the term, the class have shown growing confidence in expressing themselves, making choices and engaging with both adults and peers during activities.

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Squirrel Class Continued...

The creative arts sessions have also been a real success. The children particularly enjoyed using the lycra and soundboard, engaging enthusiastically with music, movement and sensory exploration. These sessions have encouraged creativity, interaction and lots of joyful participation.



Squirrel Class have also greatly enjoyed visiting the local park, where they have been developing their social skills, turn-taking and confidence within the community. The visits have provided wonderful opportunities for exploration, physical activity and shared experiences with their peers.



Well done, Squirrel Class, for all of your hard work and wonderful achievements!

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Hedgehog Class

This term we have been very busy. We have enjoyed a visit from Little City, where we got to try different occupations through immersive play. It was lovely seeing the children interacting with each other. We have been working hard with our fine motor skills, developing our pencil grips and making lovely controlled marks as well as letters and even words! We have been out and about in the community, visiting some new parks this half term. We have been practising being safe in the community and exploring the apparatus safely. Finally, the sun shone down for a wonderful sports day. The children did so well showing off their skills.



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Dates for your diary...

Friday 22nd May

Last Day of Term

Monday 1st June

First Day of Summer Term 2

Monday 1st June

Cuppa & Cake Session: CLDS Sensory Needs 10:30-11:30

This session will be looking at meeting the sensory needs of children. Hosted by the CLDS team and their lead Nurse practitioner Sarah.

Friday 19th June

Summer Fun Day 11:00-14:00

Friday 10th July

Prom for yrs 10-14 18:00-20:00

Thursday 16th July

Last Day of Term

Notice regarding illness

- ♦ If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, please keep them off school for 48 hours after the last incidence
- ♦ If your child has a high temperature, please keep them off school until their temperature returns to normal without medication

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