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<p>Thank you Thanks this week must be for Lorraine and Jenny who are busy in the kitchen learning new recipes and new allergy requirements. Juggling a menu that is nutritionally balanced, can be served to 40 children when there are multiple children with multiple allergies, and works with oven capacity, timings and the ability to clear up quickly - is no mean feat! Thank you both for the care and expertise you bring.</p>	<p>This week's photo...</p>  <p>Some language work in action.</p>
<p>Reminders</p> <p>Please can we remind you all that to keep your children warm and dry we need them to wear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A waterproof coat • Wellies <p>All-in-one suits are wonderfully snug but they make independence (and getting to the toilet in time) very difficult. If you prefer your child to wear an all-in-one please help them learn how to put it on and take it off as well.</p>	<p>News</p> <p>For the last two weeks we have been reviewing risk assessments. We review a selection of policies and procedures at the start of each half term to ensure best practice and shared ideas. The documents are all available on MMC and have been updated, there is a box for you to sign agreement, however your registration forms already have this agreement built into them. Following reviews of the documents and practice we have added a limit who has authority to let anyone in or out of the building at any time. This is our greatest risk point, we want it to be robust. It means there may be an occasion when you see someone but they don't let you in / out. Please understand that this is part of Taking Care of your children and keeping everyone safe.</p>
<p>Thoughts</p> <p>The second part of our language training emphasised the complexity of vocabulary. How many different expressions for rain can you think of? We came up with more than 50. When you learn a new language 50 words meaning approximately the same thing is hard! It is also important for developing the skills of both hearing and speaking different sounds and appreciating the beauty of details. The lesson for us is to always explain new vocabulary and connect it to real experiences that the children have. Next we looked at when and how we teach different word types including: pronouns, conjunctions, prepositions, adjectives, interjections, articles, adverbs, nouns and verbs. How conscious are you of these functions of words when you chat to your children? The Early Years alliance are offering free parent workshops bit.ly/FamilyFestivalEYA2024</p>	<p>Looking ahead</p> <p>The term dates for next academic year are all set and will be on MMC and the public website in the next week.</p> <p>We also have dates arranged for holiday workshop days as below. These are available to Artisans families present and past, for children up to and including aged 6 years. They run 10am-3pm. Nearer the time we will provide more details about activities we will be enjoying and how to sign up.</p> <p>April 1-5, July 22 - 26, August 26-30</p>

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