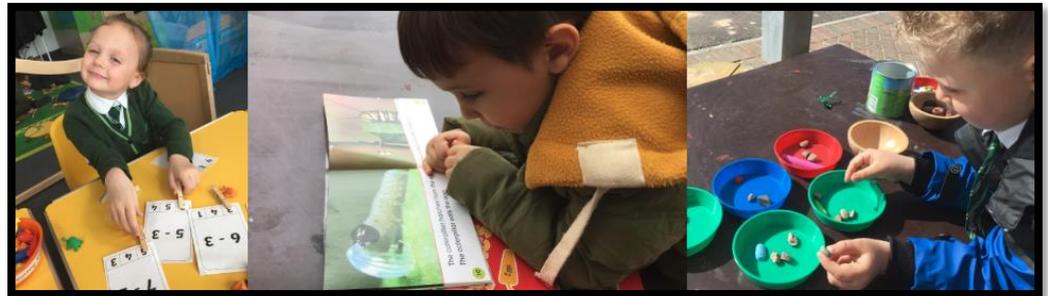


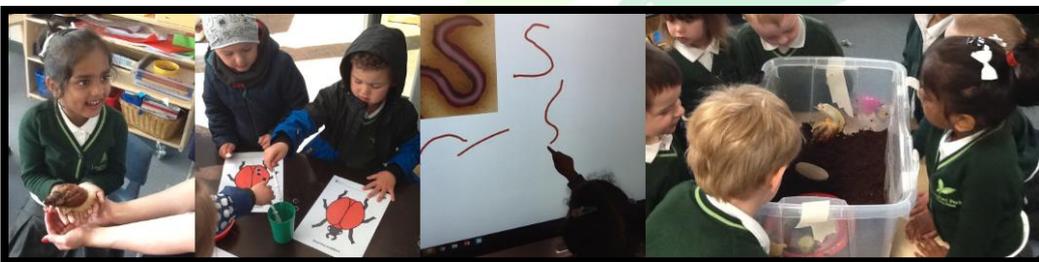
4th May 2018

Badger Room: We've had great fun with our book-of-the-week Tadpole's Promise where a tadpole and a caterpillar fall in love and promise each other that they will never change. We watch them grow and discover along the way that it's a promise neither of



them can keep! There's no happy ending with this book so we've been talking about what a promise is and how it feels when they're kept or broken. All the children then chose whether to make a frog or butterfly life-cycle picture and were able to develop their scissor skills while cutting out the pictures carefully. In maths, we've been learning how to use Venn diagrams to sort shapes and objects in a variety of ways. As we've all made such wonderful progress with our phonics, we're now starting to learn the names of letters so we can use these for spelling out those phonic sounds that sound the same, but are spelled differently (ee / ea and ay / ai).

Hedgehog Room: This week our minibests theme has continued with a new focus on snails, worms, and towards the end of the week, our new favourites – ladybirds!



First we made a wormery together, and dug for worms to put into their new home. We looked at the kinds of foods that worms can eat and added them to our wormery too. We enjoyed watching

how worms move and copying them! Next we looked at snails, and have been lucky to have some giant snails as our pets for the week. We've fed and watered them and even held them, learning lots of new words to describe the textures. We looked at Matisse's 'The Snail' as inspiration for snail-themed collages, looking closely at the spiral shape and then painted spirals on our outdoor paint board using our gross motor movements. Our consideration of ladybirds at the end of the week involved looking at the life cycle of ladybirds and counting their wings, legs, and spots. On our IWB and in craft activities we rearranged the placement of spots in order to better understand number conservation (the total number of objects remains the same even when rearranged). We practised our fine motor skills using cotton buds to paint spots on card ladybirds, which have brightened up our classroom windows!

Please ask your children to teach you our new 'Wiggly Worm' song!

Parent Volunteers: We would be really grateful if you have some spare time in the week, to come in and read with the children. If you are interested, please see Mrs Williams in the office.

Breakfast Club: We are now running Breakfast club for the Summer Term! We can only accept children that have pre-registered, so if you would like your child to come to breakfast club... [PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

Summer Festival – Friday 13th July: Our biggest event in the school calendar is fast approaching! We do rely on lots of donations from parents and extended family, so we welcome any contributions you may have for the tombola stall, school raffle (especially if you know/work in large organisations who may be willing to donate) and a 'new to you' sale. The next meeting of the PTFA to discuss the Festival is next Monday 30th April at The Plough pub (Bodicote) at 7:30pm. If you have a business and would like a stall, please get in touch and if you wish to contact the PTFA about anything, you can do so through this email LPPSPTFA@longfordparkschool.org

Key Dates for your Diary:

- 17th May – Census Day: Information to follow
- 21st-25th May – National Walk to School Week
- Wednesday 13th June – ALL DAY: Sports Day
- Wednesday 27th June – 3:15-4:30pm: Movie Night
- Friday 29th June: INSET day, no children in school
- Tuesday 10th July – ALL DAY: Move up day
- Friday 13th July – 5:30-8:30pm: FoLP Fest School Summer Festival

Have a fantastic bank holiday weekend – see you on Tuesday!

Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team





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Monday	Tuesday
<p>Sway Dance Club (£3) (all years) led by Ms Whitehead 3:15-4:15pm</p> <p>Ms Whitehead will collect your child from their class, there is no need to come to school until 4:15pm for collection.</p> <p>Currently full</p>	<p>Stagecoach - £165 (per term) (Ages 4+) Led by Melissa Lewis (Stagecoach Principal) 4:00-5:30pm (optional 3:15-4:00pm crèche led by Stagecoach prior to the class starting - £3 per session)</p> <p>Please contact her directly to book - banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</p>
Thursday	Friday
<p>Kickboxing – Ages 3+ (£4) 3:15-4:15pm Led by Coach Cian, Temple Martial Arts</p> <p>A no-contact sport, which helps with coordination, confidence and discipline – as well as staying in tiptop shape! Join Coach Cian to learn all about it in a fun and safe environment.</p> <p>Not running currently due to staffing issues</p>	<p>RugbyTots – Ages 3.5+ - £4 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds</p> <p>RugbyTots is a specific play programme for young children. It uses the multiple skills of rugby to create a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing basic core motor skills. Each session aims to develop hand-eye co-ordination, balance and agility as well as enhancing social and psychological attributes through a series of games and exercises.</p> <p>Currently full</p>

Free Trial Piano Tuition – Badgers only

Studies show that time spent at the keyboard improves mental health: people who make music experience less anxiety, loneliness, and depression. Playing piano has also been shown to be a great source of stress relief, and provides ample opportunity to bolster self-esteem. It is also a widely used form of therapy for Attention Deficit Disorder.

Not sure if your child will take to it? **Why not try a month's tuition FREE of charge?** All tuition books and diaries are also supplied free of charge by the service. To obtain an application form, please email [MJmusicservices@aol.com](mailto: MJmusicservices@aol.com)