

The Clubhouse

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What have we been up to?

We headed off around the world for the first half of the Spring Term, dipping our toes into the cultures across different continents.

Our first stop was **Australia**, where we learned the haka, did some Aboriginal dot painting and made Anzac biscuits.



In our second week, we headed over to **Africa**. Here we made African masks, had a go at some drumming, made some beaded bracelets and played some traditional African games.

Our third trip was to **Europe**. We made a giant map of the world, some tasty dough balls and some windmills before junk modelling any famous landmarks we could think of.

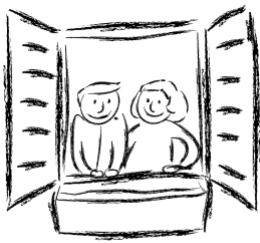


After that we stayed closer to home for a week with a closer look at the **UK**. This was an opportunity to refresh our knowledge of British Values, try out a bit of Morris dancing and celebrate Burns Night with some haggis potato cakes before finishing off with some traditional playground games.



Asia was our next stop. We were set some chopstick challenges and discovered we needed more practice. Indian dance moves also proved to be tricky but we could all relax and watch Mulan easily!

Finally, we wrapped up warm and set off for **Antarctica**. Here there were penguin and polar bear themed games to be enjoyed. We had to make protein bars for our expedition and an igloo to keep us safe and warm.



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Having explored some of what the world had to offer, the second half of term was all about space.

On Mondays we enjoyed Space Crafts, making constellation cards, space mobiles, aliens and a lot of mess with space rocks.



Tuesdays were all about rockets in various guises – from bookmarks that stayed still to little rockets that flew across the room through to bottles that shot up into the air, taking us all by surprise.

On Wednesdays we explored some of the science behind space with some fun experiments. We looked at how tricky it is to dock the ISS, how craters are formed, how the planets interact and what it means for the universe to expand.



We used Thursdays for miscellaneous space activities. These ranged from cooking – we loved the galaxy cookies and the space rocks – to listening to books (on World Book Day) and watching films.

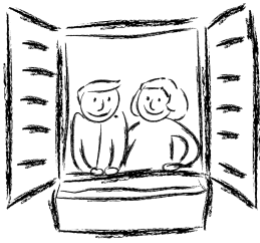


As usual, we left Fridays (our quietest day) for free play. The FOSS pop-up café returned after half term and Clubhouse have enjoyed choosing their cake and playing with other friends, especially now the evenings are light for longer.

In addition to planned fun activities, children have enjoyed dressing up (with the new Harry Potter themed costumes a big hit) and choosing their own entertainment from the Clubhouse stock. We also had lots of children stay to enjoy the Spring Disco.

We have had a record number of children attending our sessions this term and already have enquiries for September.

See below for details of the fun activities planned for next half term!



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Collecting children - update

Signing Out

We have returned to getting you to electronically sign children out when you collect them instead of staff signing children out on your behalf. This is what we used to do pre Covid and it feels like it's time to return to it. There are three main benefits to this – it ensures we know exactly who has collected your child (you have to be an authorised collector to sign them out), it means we have a more accurate record of time of collection and it ensures there is no confusion about handover of responsibility.

Late collection

You are welcome to collect your child at any point up to the end of the session you have booked. Collection after the end of the session you have booked will result in a late collection fee as per our 'uncollected children' policy. This means you will be charged to the end of the next session or £5 per 15 mins if after 6pm.

Bookings

<https://the-club-house.childcare-online-booking.co.uk>

Bookings open on Sunday 26th March to everyone for next half term. Please head to the website and book what you need. Payment must be made at the time of booking otherwise your place is not confirmed and may be cancelled.

We have increased capacity as much as we can for now and are still ending up full for most sessions, so I advise you to plan ahead and make your bookings as soon as possible.

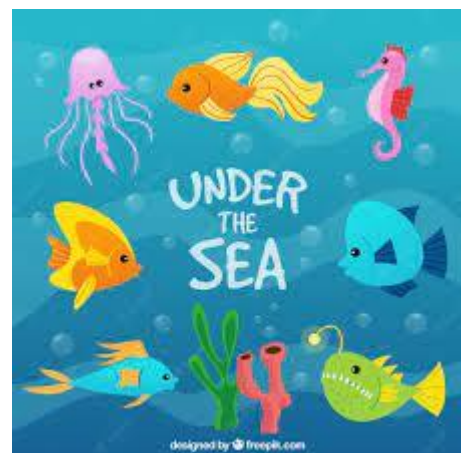
We are still looking for more staff to join us – let us know if you or anyone you know is interested.

If you need to discuss your booking requirements, just get in touch on 07557 916359 or the.clubhouse@sky.com

We've been around the world and out into space and now it's time to explore the oceans. What creatures will we find? Who will be there? Don your sou'westers and oilskins and join us for some watery adventures:

Mondays	Save Our Seas
Tuesdays	Flotsam and Jetsam
Wednesdays	Ocean Arts and Crafts
Thursdays	Experiment with water
Fridays	Free play

Children will also continue to have access to all the resources on offer for their free play time and we will get outside as often as we can.



Coming Up!