

The children are really settling into the routine of school and we have started to do lots of learning activities. They have all worked so hard and tried their hardest at everything they have done. In Early Years it is not about the outcome, it is about the Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning. This means that we are looking for a 'can do' attitude, perseverance, having a go, and other signs of good learning, have a look at the image opposite. If a child can gain these qualities in Reception then they tend to enjoy learning more throughout school because they can become confident and curious learners which are in Barham's school vision for our children. You can help your children at home by allowing them to be independent and by letting them have a go themselves and not worrying about what the end result looks like.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing and Exploring

ENGAGEMENT

Finding out and exploring
Playing with what they know
Being willing to 'have a go'

Active Learning

MOTIVATION

Being involved and concentrating
Keep trying
Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

Creative and Critical Thinking

THINKING

Having their own ideas
Making links
Working with ideas



We have really enjoyed learning about where we all got our names from or what our names mean. The children have been sitting on the talking chair and have shared what they know with their friends. It has really helped the adults to get to know the children even better. Some of the history behind their names is beautiful and it was so nice to celebrate this. I would love for all families to keep sharing family traditions and news about their families with us on Seesaw and I can include this into all of our learning throughout the year.

Cool Milk: At the moment cool milk is free until your child turns 5. Most of the children are on my milk register but only 9-12 children a day are saying that they want to drink it. If you are a parent or carer who want your child to definitely drink the milk please can you message me to let me know that you would like us to be firmer that your child tries it, I would never force them.

Pot of Gold: Every Friday the children who have been put on the Pot of Gold on our reward chart will get a certificate and have special time with a biscuit with the head teacher. Children get on the Pot of Gold by doing something even better that they couldn't do before or by showing a better behaviour towards something they previously struggled with. It is always a unique reason for our unique children. All children will achieve this at some point but it is very random and is only when it is really deserved. Be very proud of them if they achieve it.



Photos: We made party hats whilst celebrating God, our names and 1st week at school. We used musical instruments to keep to the beat.