

## Nursery Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

This week we have been learning about autumn and seasonal changes. The children enjoyed listening to the story 'I love fall – touch and feel' and looking for signs of autumn. The children investigated fruits and vegetables of the season, looked at different leaves (colour, size and shape), acorns, conkers and the weather change.

We also learned an autumn song!

In Mini-Woodies, the children explored the woodland area looking for signs of autumn. Then they enjoyed painting with autumn colours and drawing autumn pictures. They loved pumpkin painting and pumpkin play!

### Red Acorns

During chatterbox time, the children learned about autumn. We introduced vocabulary such as pumpkin, pomegranate, seeds, conkers, acorns and leaves. The children enjoyed exploring the items in the box.

### Blue Acorns

During phonics we continued focusing on listening skills. The children had to listen carefully for instructions, sounds or music to be able to find a hidden toy. The children are getting really confident with their listening skills and enjoyed playing the phonics games.

In maths, the children have been learning about matching objects that are the same. We match objects by size, colour or shape and the children were able to explain what was the same when matching the objects.

### Message from Mrs Cunningham:

*Have a wonderful, restful half term break! Please note we return to school Tuesday 2 November as Monday 1 November is an INSET Day for staff training.*

*It has been a very busy half term and we are delighted to have a full nursery with settled children! It has been lovely getting to know your children and I absolutely love popping over for a dance or to do some mark making etc! They have settled and bonded so well and we now have established routines in place which the children are comfortable with and reassured by. I was in Acorns at the start of the day on Tuesday; as each child came in they were greeted by their friends and were keen to self register and select from the wide range of learning opportunities available to them; lovely to experience.*

*After half term we will begin little celebration assemblies with me. I will give out certificates and stickers to children working hard and showing our values. These assemblies will be on different days and times so all children will have the opportunity to participate. I love these assemblies with reception and across the school and look forward to them with our youngest children to!*

**This week's Makaton sign is:**

Please



**This week's song:**

All the leaves are falling down











## NOTICES:

**Next topic** – Next term Nursery and Reception will be learning about people who help us. We would like to invite parents who help in the community to come and talk about their job to the children. We will be learning about doctors, nurses, carers, dentists, police officers, waste collectors, post people, shop assistants and vets. Please contact us with your availability.

**Spare clothes** – Each child should have their own set of spare clothes (top, bottom, underwear and socks) labelled in the nursery. Please label all clothes and shoes.

**Water bottles** – Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle every day in nursery.

**Packed Lunches** – Please be aware that we are a nuts and sesame school free due to allergies. Please do not send any products containing sesame or nuts in your child's packed lunch. Just a reminder that we are a healthy school and chocolates are not allowed.

**Special Diet Requests** – Please note that in accordance with the ParentMail and information sent previously, from 1<sup>st</sup> November we are only be able to serve special diet meals to those pupils whose application for special diets has been processed through Twelve15 website. If you haven't done this and your child requires a special diet (religious reasons, allergies, etc) please provide your child with a packed lunch or get in touch with our caterers on <https://itstwelve15.co.uk/allergies/>

**Nursery WhatsApp group for parents** – If you are not on the parents group please ask a member of the nursery team to pass you the reps details.

**Instagram Account** – Claygate Primary School has a dedicated Instagram account for EYFS. Please follow us and see what our EYFS children are learning.  
@claygate\_primary\_school\_eyfs

**Illness** – If your child has any of the three Covid-19 symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature or loss of smell or taste) they need to self-isolate for 10 days or return to school with a negative test result (send a copy of the result to the office).

We thank you, as always, for your continuing support.  
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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