

Nursery Newsletter

18th November 2021

This week we took part in the World Nursery Rhyme Week and the children learned a new nursery rhyme daily.

Every day the children engaged in different learning activities based on the daily Nursery Rhyme.

Monday – Incy Wincy Spider – The children painted spiders, made spiders out of playdough and used tweezers to pick up spiders from the web.

Tuesday – Sleeping Bunnies – The children enjoyed acting out the rhyme and pretending to feed rabbits in our small world tray. Children drew bunnies and counted farm animals, matching the quantity to the numeral.

Wednesday – Wind the Bobbin – The children focused on fine motor skills activities such as threading, wind bobbins, cutting string and painting with string.

Thursday – Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes – The children talked about body parts and enjoyed drawing/colouring a real size outline of a body.

Friday – Down in the Jungle – The children enjoyed pretending the Mini-Woodies was a jungle and finding different jungle animals. They also printed animal prints.

On Wednesday we had our Pyjama Day to celebrate the Nursery Rhyme Week. The children pretended to have a sleepover at Nursery and enjoyed a teddy bears picnic. It was a fun day!

In Mini-Woodies, the children made outdoor mobiles using sticks and natural elements. The children loved displaying their mobiles around the mini-woodies area.

This week's Makaton sign is:

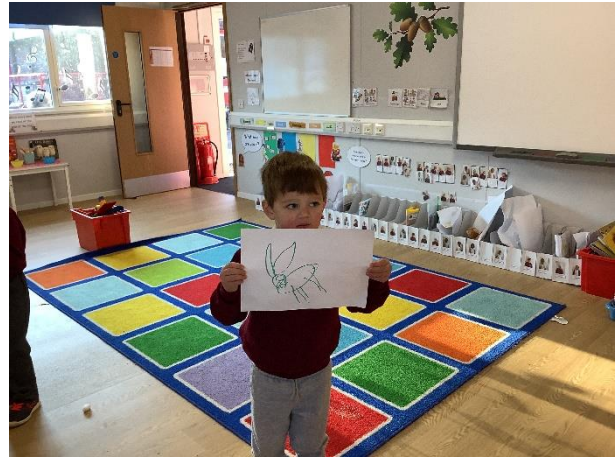
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This week's songs:

- Incy Wincy Spider
- Sleeping Bunnies
- Wind the Bobbin
- Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
- Down in the Jungle







NOTICES:

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).

Christmas Performance – Nursery Christmas performance will be on 1st December at 9.15am.

November Parent Consultations – If your child has their birthday in November or May the class teacher will contact parents near the time to book a parent consultation slot. The meeting will be on 25th November.

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 nut and sesame free school 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.

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](https://www.instagram.com/claygate_primary_school_eyfs)

Covid Update - We have some children (in Year 3 as well as some across the school) who have tested positive for Covid and others who are waiting for the results of PCR tests. Mr Hales is awaiting results of a PCR after testing positive.

We feel it is important to inform you so that you are mindful of the symptoms should your child become unwell. We would also like to make you aware that many of the children who have tested positive for Covid did not have these symptoms but had tummy aches, a sore throat or cold symptoms. As a staff team we continue to be cautious and avoid close contact, testing daily in 'hot spots' and of course continue with virtual assemblies etc. The diligence of the staff and the children themselves continues but it is so important all parents are aware of symptoms, testing regularly (twice weekly) and seek PCR tests when needed.

Children who have symptoms should self-isolate and get a confirmatory polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. If a child tests positive, they should continue to self-isolate in line with

public health guidance (other members of the household including siblings are no longer required to isolate).

Children who have had a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test should self-isolate and get a PCR test even if they have no symptoms.

In either case, if the child then tests positive, they should continue to self-isolate in line with public health guidance (other members of the household including siblings are no longer required to isolate).

If a child's PCR test is negative and if they feel well, they may return to school.

As is the case with all absences, we would ask that you inform the school office if a child tests positive. Timely communications to the school enable us to alert cleaners as to where to deep clean etc.

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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