

Nursery Newsletter

9th December 2021

This week we finished our 'People Who Help us' topic by learning about how refuse collectors help the community and how we can recycle and reuse materials to help our environment. We introduced a junk modelling station and the children had fun creating their own junk models of boats, cars, trains and fire engines!

The children enjoyed watching a story about tidying up and putting their rubbish in the bin.

We also learned about advent and enjoyed looking at our friend's Christmas decorations/trees photos.

Red Acorns

The children loved exploring a shredded paper sensory tray. The children manipulated the shredded paper in many different ways for different results and exploration.

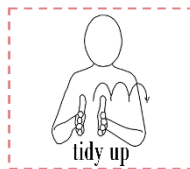
Blue Acorns

During phonics, we continued to sing our favourite nursery rhymes. The children are now identifying each rhyme by matching a prop to the song and some children were brave to sing to their friends and teachers.

In maths, the children have been practising counting objects with 1:1 correspondence.

This week's Makaton sign is:

Tidy up



This week's song:

I recycle





Message from Mrs Cunningham

As you know, Miss Dias has been leading both Willow Class and our Nursery this term. She moved to be based in Acorns each morning, teaching Willow Class each afternoon. This has ensured high quality provision across Nursery, Willow Class and the EYFS phase and helped establish our new Nursery.

Miss Gardner has proved an asset to our team. She has settled in England and has now relocated, securing a teaching job closer to her new home. We wish her well, both in her new home and new school as a Year 3 teacher!

One of our teachers, Mrs Tamimi, will return from her Maternity Leave this January. Due to Miss Gardner's recent news, Mrs Tamimi will now take over as lead teacher of Acorns Nursery on her return. She has spent several days at school and has enjoyed getting to know the children. Equally, this will allow Miss Dias to re-focus her attention on Willow Class. Miss Dias will of course ensure a smooth handover to Mrs Tamimi and will still be very much involved in our Nursery.

Our reception children will continue to enjoy working with Miss Spalton-Woods, Mrs Brewer and Mrs Weekes, with Miss Dias as EYFS Lead. We would like to thank the whole EYFS team for their efforts to date.

NOTICES:

Waterproofs – We will be sending your child's waterproofs home to be washed over the holidays. Please send a plastic bag **without a name label by Wednesday 15th December**.

December Parent Consultations – If your child has their birthday in December or June the class teacher will contact parents near the time to book a parent consultation slot. The meeting will be on 15th December.

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).

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)

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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