

## Reception Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> 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.

In English, we listened to the story 'I can save the Earth' and the children learned key vocabulary around recycling. The children also drew pictures of what they could do to save our planet such as picking up litter, recycling and reusing resources.

In Phonics, we reviewed the phonemes 'ch', 'sh' and 'th' and all the tricky words taught so far. The children practised how to write CVC words such as 'chop', 'ship' and 'this'. We continued to practise independent sentence writing.

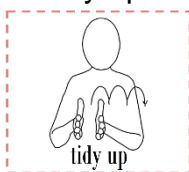
In Mathematics, we have been learning about shapes with four sides such as rectangles and squares. The children used mathematical language to describe the different shapes and enjoyed playing shapes games.

In Mini-Woodies, the children have been making their own mini Christmas wreath decorations using autumn leaves. The children enjoyed picking up leaves to use and practised their cutting skills by cutting the leaves into small pieces.

The children loved setting up the Christmas Grotto in our role-play area!

### This week's Makaton sign is:

Tidy up



### Exciting Words of the Week:

- Passion
- Composition
- Accomplish
- Gratuitous
- Pressure

### This week's Number focus:

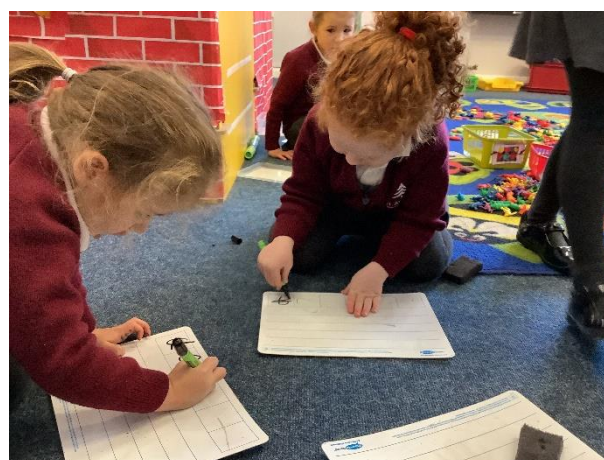
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### CPS Published Authors of the Week:

Charlie  
Sienna

### Home Learning:

- Practise writing CVC words using phonics knowledge (please do not spell or let your child copy words)
- Practise phonics flashcards and reading daily – new phonemes/words given out on Fridays
- Doodle Maths – complete the assigned task







### 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:

We apologise for the inconvenience caused by us for not sending your child's Christmas jumper home on time. The children had a busy day setting up their Christmas grotto and made decorations and cards to be sent home.

**Last day of term** – On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December school finishes at 1.30pm.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Water bottles** – Please ensure that your child has a water bottle every day in school. Please support us in teaching your child to understand when they need to drink water and to be independent with their self-care.



**Practice at home** – In reception we promote autonomy and independence throughout the day, please practice at home how to open lunch bags, cut food, open yogurt pots and put on coats and bags.

**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](#)

**Parent communication** – Please remember if you have any questions or concerns you should first contact your child's class teacher followed by the EYFS leader. We are happy to discuss any questions that may arise regarding your child's learning.

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

Willow Class and EYFS Leader – Miss Dias  
Holly Class – Miss Spalton-Woods

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