

## EYFS Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

This week Nursery and Reception focused their learning on birds. The children listened to the story Owl Babies and we discussed nocturnal and diurnal animals.

Throughout child-initiated activities, the children made bird feeders, explored sensory trays about birds and created their own birds using collage and paint.

### Nursery

In Phonics, we continue to focus on voice sounds and the children enjoyed exploring different ways of making sounds using their voice.

In Mathematics, the children continued to learn about simple repeated patterns and used different objects to create their own patterns.

In Mini-Woodies, the children enjoyed collecting different materials such as twigs, leaves and pebbles to create bird's nests.

### Reception

In Phonics, we continued to focus on phase 3 phonemes, words with double letters and tricky words. The children are now encouraged to read phase 3 words by sight, to be more fluent when reading books and to answer comprehension questions about the story they read.

In Mathematics, the children compared numbers to 10 and practised number bonds to 10 using part-whole models. The children also listened to number bonds rhymes to consolidate their learning.

In Mini-Woodies, we have been practising our communication and working together skills in some outside games. The children played 'Queenie, Queenie who's got the ball', throwing and catching a ball and various parachute games. The children had so much fun working together for a common goal.

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

Excited



#### Nursery Weekly Song:

Five Little Birds

**Reception Number focus:**

13

**Reception CPS Published  
Authors of the Week:**

Henry  
Ruth

**Reception Exciting Words of  
the Week:**

- Migrate
- Continent
- Nocturnal
- Friendship
- EaselSafe

**Nursery Practise at Home:**

- Blue Acorns have been practising how to write their names – please encourage your child to write at home
- Sing Number songs to support your child's learning about numbers

**Reception Practise at Home:**

- Practise phonics flashcards and reading daily
- Doodle Maths – complete the assigned task















## NOTICES:

**Sun Cream** - As the weather gets warmer please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school and send your child with a cap/hat as they spend a lot of time learning outdoors.

**April Parent Consultations** – If your child has their birthday in April or October the class teacher will contact parents nearer the time to book a parent consultation slot. The meeting will be on 28<sup>th</sup> April.

**Dolls' Clothes** – If you have any spare dolls' clothes we would appreciate your donation. Thank you.

**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.

**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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