

EYFS Newsletter

28th April 2022

This week, we continued to learn about the environment and the children enjoyed spending even more time outdoors.

Continuous provision was very much linked to our new topic. The children carefully planted some seeds, watered the plants and swept leaves. They made amazing artworks, printing with flowers, leaves and twigs and created gardens from playdough.

The Nursery children explored mark making and copied writing patterns using different resources such as chalk, sticks, pencils and of course, their fingers.

In Reception the children loved reading outside in our refreshed story circle and exploring our new music area!

Acorns Nursery

In English, we listened to the story 'Oliver's Vegetables' and the children answered simple questions about the story. They also drew some of their favourite vegetables.

In Phonics, we continue to play games to encourage oral blending and segmenting. The children enjoyed playing toy talk. Mr Bunny is our phonics puppet. This week he helped us learn new phonic sounds and words, such as ch-ee-se and g-r-ee-n.

In Mathematics, we have been introducing length vocabulary such as longest and shortest. The children used this key vocabulary to describe the length of different objects.

In Mini-Woodies, the children picked up natural resources to create natural bunting.

Reception

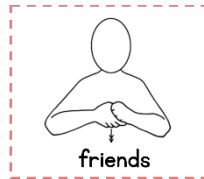
In English, we listened to the story 'Eddie's Garden and how to grow things'. The children wrote sentences to explain what flowers need to grow. They then pretended to be Eddie and wrote a shopping list before going to our garden centre.

In Phonics, we continued to learn how to read and write Phase 4 words such as shelf, milk, shrink, frog and truck. The children learned the tricky words some, come, love and do.

In Mathematics, the children continued to learn about numbers beyond 10. They listened to the story 'One is a snail ten is a crab' and created their representations of numbers.

This week's Makaton sign is:

friends

**Reception Exciting Words of the Week:**

- Shift
- Florist
- Alert
- Shrink
- Sweltering

Nursery Number focus:

2

Reception Number focus:

6

Nursery Weekly Song:

I love the mountains

CPS authors of the week:Harry
Marla**Garden Project Home Learning – Nursery and Reception**

As we are learning about Growing, we would like your child to create a 3D model of a garden using a variety of materials and resources. They can use anything from around your home eg boxes, Lego pieces, twigs, pebbles, soil, artificial grass, plants, seeds, play people, etc. This does not need to incur a cost.

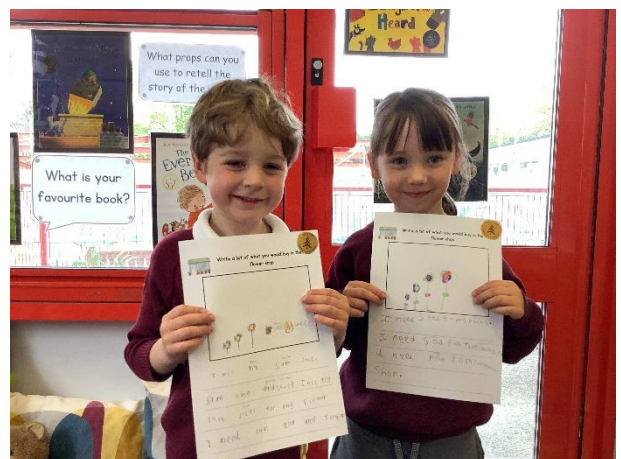
Please send your child's garden in by 14th May.

Children will present their gardens to their teachers and friends across EYFS.

Reception children should be able to carry their models by themselves.







**Mrs C's update:**

Claygate Pavilion and Family Garden Grand Opening on Sun 24th April was blessed with sunshine...what a lovely atmosphere! We were treated to Kuk Sool's demonstrations which involved children from Acorns Nursery and CPS! They both smiled, were confident and showed their resilience and enthusiasm! I think I was almost as proud as their own families.

Well done boys!

I am sure you have seen our safeguarding procedures / dismissal changes first hand, releasing one child at a time with one adult leading this. Thank you for your patience! You will also have seen that we have created a safe holding area with the temporary fencing which the children know they should not pass. This also serves to increase visibility and ensure a child could not wander off. As you know we had staff absent that day so I was working in Nursery rather than on the green gate. We will now ensure the gate is also manned. I informed Ofsted and followed LA procedures, as this was a serious incident, letting them know what had happened and our planned changes post our review. I also invited Surrey's Early Years Manager and the Senior Early Years Advisor to visit, look at the site and to offer suggestions. I have attached their report for you to read.

Equally, following a thorough investigation with the local authority designated officer, (although again, we all recognise the seriousness of the incident), the case has been closed ie there are no further actions required.

Meet our EYFS staff team:

This week we have been delighted to welcome Miss Sue to our team. We have had no further staff changes ie our previous staff in the Nursery continue, some permanent and some agency, (Miss Jones, Mrs Soliman, Miss Hobbs, Miss Nisa, Mrs Bekri) led by Acorns class teacher, Miss Tamimi. We are looking forward to Miss Hill and Mrs Green starting once they have worked their notice periods. All are experienced / qualified.

We are continuing with our recruitment drive and are also looking for a Nursery Apprentice to train with us next year

Miss Julia

As a mother to three, now grown-up children, I have always valued the time spent working in many nurseries over the years. My aim is to assist in their development and encourage children to grow into the next stage of their educational ladder. I love playing and supporting children's development and take pleasure in encouraging a love of stories and books.



NOTICES:

Food – We ask parents to cut any grapes, cherry tomatoes and sausages lengthways as these foods are common choking hazards.

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.

Waterproofs/Wellies – Please return your child's waterproofs and wellies as the children will be wearing them when playing outside in the mud and water, in all weather conditions.

Gardening Donations – We are still accepting donations of watering cans, seeds, artificial flowers, flower pots, children's gardening tools. Thank you

Dolls' Clothes – If you have spare dolls' clothes (or newborn baby 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.

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 continuing support.
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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