

EYFS Newsletter

12th May 2022

This week we continued to learn about growing plants and we have been planting bulbs during continuous provision.

The Reception and Blue Acorns children started to visit the school library and enjoyed choosing books to read and take home. Please return your child's library book next Tuesday, so they can borrow a new book.

Nursery

In English, we listened to the story 'Wonderful Worms' and learnt key vocabulary such as worm, dig, roots, passageway, burrows and shovel.

In Phonics, we continued to play games to encourage oral blending and segmenting. The children enjoyed playing 'I spy' games. The teacher would say I spy with my little eye a z-i-p and the children blended the sounds together to say zip.

In Mathematics, we learnt about capacity. The children used full sentences such as 'The cup is full' and 'The cup is empty' to describe a container's capacity.

In continuous provision, the children enjoyed looking for worms in the playground and talking about mini-beasts. They also made flowers wreaths and playdough flowers. The children enjoyed following patterns to mark make and explored shapes in the environment.

In Mini-Woodies, the children created natural bunting using leaves and sticks found in the mini-woodland area.

Reception

In English, we listened to the story 'Jack and the beanstalk'. The children planted their own beanstalk and wrote instructions about how to plant a beanstalk. We discussed Jack's behaviour and the children pretended to be Jack and wrote an apology letter to the Giant.

In Phonics, we continued to learn how to read and write phase 4 words such as forest, chapter, present and windmill. The children learned the tricky words there, when, what and one.

In Mathematics, the children listened to the story 'Mouse Count' and we introduced addition stories. The children used full sentences and key vocabulary to tell an addition story such as 'First there were 3 mice, then 2 more joined them now there are 5 mice altogether.'

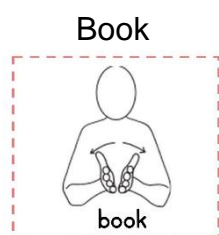
In continuous provision, the children practised addition by counting 2 groups of beans and adding them altogether to find the total. They also made a beanstalk collage and explored Jack and the beanstalk playdough.

In mini-woodies, the children have been evaluating any changes in their sunflower seeds pots. The children talked together, discussing what had changed in their pots and talked about why some seeds may not have grown.

The results were then recorded in their sunflower diaries, by drawing the changes and measuring the height of the plant, if it had grown.

We then discussed the different names of the different parts of the plant ie buds, stem, leaves, roots, petals and recapped the different stages of the planting process.

This week's Makaton sign is:



Reception Exciting Words of the Week:

- Hedge
- Sufficient
- Pond
- Trowel
- Chapter

Nursery Number focus:

1

Reception Number focus:

10

Nursery Marvellous Mathematicians:

Eleni

Reception Marvellous Mathematicians:

Lexie

Nursery Weekly Song:

I had a little nut tree

CPS authors of the week:

Alexandra
Alexander

Garden Project Home Learning – Nursery and Reception

Thank you to all parents and children who sent their gardens into school. The children proudly showed them to their teachers and friends.

Please send your child's garden in by 14th May, if you haven't done so already.









Meet our EYFS staff team:

Miss Ely

My name is Miss Ely. Although I have worked at another nursery, I enjoy working at Acorns and helping the children to learn through their play. There's so much for them to do. The children and staff are so lovely!



NOTICES:

Library – Reception and Blue Acorns visit the school library on Tuesday afternoon and request books to take home. Please ensure that your child has their book ready to be changed.

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

Sun Cream and Hat - 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.

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

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

Nursery Website – Acorns Nursery now has a dedicated website with lots of information about the nursery. Please do have a look – www.claygateacorns.co.uk

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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