

EYFS Newsletter

19th May 2022

This week we learned about the butterfly life cycle. Our caterpillars are now in a cocoon and the children were really excited to see the transformation.

Nursery and Reception listened to the story 'The very Hungry Caterpillar' and explored sensory activities linked to the story.

Nursery

In English, Blue Acorns drew pictures of the story and practised writing their name. Red Acorns developed their comprehension skills by answering different questions about the story.

In Phonics, we continued to play games to encourage oral blending and segmenting. This week the children played a clapping game to support their oral blending skills. The teacher clapped each phoneme and then the children blended the phonemes to say the word such as c-a-t cat.

In Mathematics, we learnt about adding one more and finding the total. The children used 5 frames and cubes to understand counting with 1:1 correspondence and then adding one more cube to find out the total.

In continuous provision, the children enjoyed exploring mark making using different materials and resources, creating caterpillars and playing with playdough.

In Mini-Woodies, the children went on a spring scavenger hunt. The children enjoyed finding natural resources such as flowers, leaves, small sticks, stems, grass, and petals.

Reception

In English, we wrote sentences about the story using the key words : first, then, next and at the end and drew the butterfly life cycle.

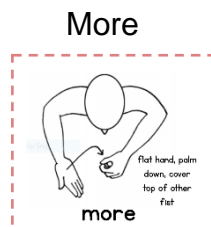
In Phonics, we continued to learn how to read and write phase 4 words ending in ing, ed and est. The children learned the tricky words out and today. We have now learned all tricky words for this term. Please support your children learning them.

In Mathematics, the children listened to the story 'Tad' and we introduced subtraction stories. The children used full sentences and key vocabulary to tell a subtraction story such as 'First there were 4 frogs, and then 2 jumped out, now there are 2 frogs left.'

In continuous provision, the children practised number bonds using pegs, played board games, created kites out of junk modelling and explored symmetry by painting butterflies.

In mini-woodies, this week we have been enjoying taking time for relaxation. We talked about why we need to look after ourselves and to learn how to relax. The children took part in two activities. The children had to lie down and close their eyes and listen to a chime. They only opened their eyes once they could not hear the chime anymore. Then the children had to lie down, relaxing all parts of their bodies and listen to the different noises they could hear in the woodland area. The children identified other children playing, birds singing, cars driving, leaves rustling in the wind, playtime bells ringing and adults talking.

This week's Makaton sign is:



Reception Exciting Words of the Week:

- Conquer
- Brisk
- Caution
- Squelching
- Attentive

Nursery Number focus:

5

Reception Number focus:

7

Nursery Marvellous Mathematicians:

Jack

Reception Marvellous Mathematicians:

Freddie

Nursery Weekly Song:

5 little caterpillars

CPS authors of the week:

William
Daniel

Home learning

Blue Acorns – Practise writing their name

Reception – Read and write (without copying) phase 4 tricky words





Meet our EYFS staff team:

Miss Hill

Miss Hill has been working with children for over 14 years in various settings; she is experienced and qualified and is working in a jobshare with Miss Sue as she is currently studying her early years foundation degree.



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 parents nearer the time to book a parent consultation slot. The meeting will be on 26th 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.

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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