

## EYFS Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> October 2022

This week we finished our 'Fairy Tales' topic listening to the story 'Cinderella'. We focused our learning on the ending of a story.

We also celebrated Autumn Day and the children learned about seasonal changes and immersed in learning about the autumn season.

### Red Acorns

In Communication and Language, the children listened to the story, were encouraged to join in with actions, and repeated phrases.

In Physical Development, the children enjoyed exploring different tools to create marks and patterns.

In Personal, Social and Emotional, the children continued to explore the resources in the different areas of learning and were encouraged to join in activities with their friends and teachers.

### Blue Acorns

In English, we listened to the weekly story and answered simple questions about it. The children also drew pictures of Cinderella.

In Mathematics, the children learned about patterns. They made their own patterns out of Duplo and looked for repeated patterns.

In Phonics, we introduced the phoneme 'n'. The children played oral blending games and blended words beginning with the phoneme nnnn, such as net, nest and necklace.

During child-initiated activities in the Nursery, the children enjoyed printing leaves, painting autumn trees, riding bikes and building models out of junk.

### Reception

In English, we listened to the weekly story and we discussed the ending of a story. The children thought carefully about what could come next in the story and created their own endings.

In Mathematics, we learned about **repeating patterns**. The children explored repeating patterns in songs, actions and with objects.

In Phonics, we reviewed all phase 2 phonemes and tricky words taught. The children also completed their autumn 1 assessment. During half term, please encourage your child to practise their phonemes, oral blending and reading. This will support them when learning new phonemes after the holiday.

During child-initiated activities, the children enjoyed making pumpkin paintings, exploring spices in the mud kitchen, using the numicon for counting and practising writing independently.

In Mini-Woodies, the children have been on a scavenger hunt, finding different natural objects around the area. This week's key vocabulary is: **pinecone, pine needles, acorn, stump.**

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

Please



**CPS authors of the week:**

Nursery – Sophia

Reception - Douglas

**Nursery Number focus:**

7

**Reception Number focus:**

6

**Nursery Marvellous  
Mathematicians:**

Ariana

**Reception Marvellous  
Mathematicians:**

Misha

**Nursery Weekly Song:**

All the leaves are falling down

**Nursery Phoneme of the Week:**

n







## NOTICES:

### Parent Pop-Ins – 4<sup>th</sup> November

**Online safety** - It has been brought to our attention that there is a new online horror game which some children are talking about in school. It is called Poppy's playtime and is based on a toy which chases you around a toy factory. There is not an official rating for the game however it is causing some of our older children to have nightmares.



For more information about this game and how to support your child with online safety please follow this link.

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2021/12/03/poppy-playtime-online-safety-review/>

**Sickness** – Recently we have had a few cases of sickness and/or diarrhoea. Please be aware that as per our school policy children need to be away from school 2 full days after the last episode of sickness/diarrhoea.

**Communication** – If you are collecting or child earlier or by a different adult can you please let us know at the gate in the morning, or phone the school office.

**Spare clothes** – Each child should have their own set of spare clothes (top, bottom, underwear and socks) labelled in school. Please label all clothes and shoes.

**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.

**Reception P.E.** – We will start PE after the half-term every Friday. Your child needs to wear their school PE uniform for the day.

**Snack** – We offer a rolling snack cafe to Nursery and Reception children. This consists of fruit and water. Please do not send any additional snack in.

**Milk** – Children under 5 will be offered milk throughout the day. When your child turns 5 you can opt in the milk scheme. Please contact the school office.

**Packed Lunches** – Please be aware that we are a nuts and sesame free school due to allergies. Please do not send any products containing sesame or nuts in your child's packed lunch.

**Nursery WhatsApp Group** – If you have not joined the parents WhatsApp group for Nursery, please see Miss Green who can help you.

**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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