

## EYFS Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

This term we are learning about the 'People Who Help Us'. This week we focused our learning on firefighters and how they help in the community.

### Red Acorns

In Communication and Language, the children listened to the story 'Tom and Tim meet the Firefighters' and learned key vocabulary such as fire engine, firefighter and helmet.

In Physical Development, the children have been developing their gross motor skills by moving in different ways and practising their balancing skills.

In Personal, Social and Emotional, the children have been developing social skills in play and learning how to share resources with their friends.

### Blue Acorns

In English, we listened to the weekly story and answered simple questions about it. We discussed what we can see at the fire station and why we need to call 999.

In Mathematics, the children learned about counting.

In Phonics, we revisited the phoneme 's'. The children played oral blending games and blended words beginning with the phoneme **sss** such as sun, sit and sat.

During child-initiated activities in the Nursery, the children enjoyed making firefighters' hats, fire paintings, exploring playdough, making marks with chalk and pretending to be firefighters putting out fire.

### Reception

In English, we listened to the story 'No Dragons for Tea' and we discussed how firefighters help us in the community. The children pretended to call 999 and saying their full address.

In Mathematics, we learned about the numbers 1, 2 and 3. The children listened to the story 'One Bear at Bedtime' and went on a number hunt to find representations of the numbers 1, 2 and 3.

In Phonics, we continue to learn phase 2 phonemes. This week we learn the digraphs ff, ll, ss and the phoneme j. The children oral blended words such as mess, off, bell and jam. They also wrote captions using their phonics knowledge.

During child-initiated activities, the children enjoyed creating pictures of fireworks, exploring a fire safety role-play and playing in our Co-Op shop.

In Mini-Woodies, the children have been creating patterns inspired by bonfire night using natural resources. This week's key vocabulary is: pattern and celebration.

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

Thank you



**CPS authors of the week:**

Nursery – Cavy

Reception – Finn J

**Nursery Number focus:**

6

**Reception Number focus:**

9

**Nursery Marvellous  
Mathematicians:**

Cooper

**Reception Marvellous  
Mathematicians:**

Ahmed

**Nursery Weekly Song:**

Harry, Harry drive the fire truck

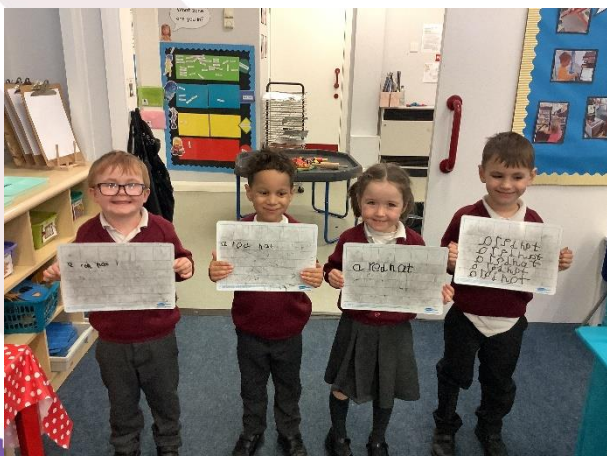
**Nursery Phoneme of the Week:**

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## NOTICES:

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

**Parent Consultations** – If your child has their birthday in November or May, the class teacher will contact you to book a parent consultation on 24<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 diarrhea. 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/ diarrhea.

**Communication** – If you are collecting your child earlier or by a different adult can you please let us know at the gate 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.** – Your child needs to wear their school PE uniform on Fridays.

**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 nut and sesame free school due to allergies. Please do not send any products containing sesame or nuts in your child's packed lunch.

**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.

**Whole school newsletter** – Please do read the whole school newsletter as well as this one as it does contain useful information.

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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