

EYFS Newsletter

23rd March 2023

On Monday, we celebrated Mother's Day with a tea party. The children sang a song to their mums/aunties/grandmas and had an indoor picnic with their friends, teachers and mums.

This week we focused our learning on birds. We used key words such as feathers, beak and wings to describe birds and discussed nocturnal and diurnal animals.

Nursery

During child-initiated activities in the Nursery, the children enjoyed making birds out of playdough and adding feathers and pipe cleaners to them, drawing birds and making animal prints using stamps and paint.

In Mini-Woodies, we have been learning about different habitats and what animals need to survive. The children then worked together to collect sticks, leaves, grass and stones in their buckets and used them to create their own animal homes.

Blue Acorns

In English, we listened to the story 'Owl Babies' and the children drew pictures of the characters of the story. The children also practised writing their names onto their pictures.

In Mathematics, we are learning about repeated patterns. The children explored patterns in actions, songs and rhymes. The children also continued a simple repeated pattern using two colour blocks.

In Phonics, we learned the phoneme 'f'. The children played oral blending games and blended words with the phoneme **fff** such as fog, fun, fish and foot.

Reception

In English, we listened to the Owl Babies and answered questions about the story. We also wrote sentences about where owls live and their habitat.

In Mathematics, we explored 3D shapes. We looked at the differences between 2D and 3D shapes and learnt the names for the 3D shapes. For World Maths day, the children learnt the 'Number Bond Rhyme' and explored number bonds to 10 outdoors.

In Phonics, the children have been reading and writing plural words. We looked at both words, which have -s plural and -es plural. Some of the words we have learnt this week are; cooks, boots, coats, foxes, wishes and torches.

In Mini-Woodies, the children have been creating their own spring potions. They have been collecting their own natural materials to make their potions.

During child-initiated activities, the children created sponge paintings of the 'Owl Babies' and explored used tweezers to feed the birds.

This week's Makaton sign is:

Excited



CPS authors of the week:

Nursery – Bonnie

Reception – Aine

Nursery Number focus:

6

Reception Number focus:

14

Nursery Marvellous Mathematicians:

Eleni

Reception Marvellous Mathematicians:

Harry

Nursery Weekly Song:

Five little birds

Nursery Phoneme of the Week:

f









NOTICES:

Parent Consultations – If your child has their birthday in March or September, the class teacher will contact you to book a parent consultation on 30th March.

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.

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 also read the whole school newsletter as it contains lots of useful information and dates for your diary.

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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