

## EYFS Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

This week we focused our learning on wild animals and their habitats.

### Nursery

During child-initiated activities in the Nursery, the children enjoyed exploring a jungle sensory tray, drawing wild animals, creating an animal patterns collage and counting dots on ladybirds.

In Mini-Woodies, we have been picking leaves, sticks and natural items to create a natural collage.

### Blue Acorns

In English, we explored a non-fiction book about wild animals and played 'Guess the animal'. The children listened to facts about different wild animals and tried to guess which animal it was.

In Mathematics, we are learning about composition of 1, 2 and 3. The children enjoyed watching number blocks and playing games to explore how to make 1, 2 and 3 using objects.

In Phonics, we learned the phoneme 'h'. The children played oral blending games and blended words with the phoneme **h-h-h** such as hat, hen and hot.

### Reception

In English, we listened to 'The Giraffe Can't Dance' and answered questions about the story. We also created invites for the Mother's Day Tea Party.

In Mathematics, the children listened to the story 'The Cockatoos'. They then compared numbers to 10 using key vocabulary such as 'more than, fewer than, the same as'.

In Phonics, the children have been reading and writing words which contain two or more digraphs in them, such as, short, chain, tooth, teeth, queen and shark.

In Mini-Woodies, the children created their own habitats for mini beasts. They used string and natural resources to create their structures. We discussed what a habitat is and what insects you would find in the mini-woodies area.

During child-initiated activities, the children created wild animals using pencils and felt tips. They were focusing on adding detail in the pattern of the animals fur and skin. The children

also created their own narratives with wild animals, using they key vocabulary; habitat, fur and wild.

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

Sad



**CPS authors of the week:**

Nursery – Ariana

Reception – Oscar

**Nursery Number focus:**

2

**Reception Number focus:**

20

**Nursery Marvellous  
Mathematicians:**

Nora

**Reception Marvellous  
Mathematicians:**

Halle

**Nursery Weekly Song:**

Walking in the Jungle

**Nursery Phoneme of the Week:**

h













## STAFFING UPDATE:

Dear Parents

Unfortunately, Mrs Hill is currently absent due to pregnancy related issues and will be back as soon as she is fit and well enough to return. In anticipation of her Maternity Leave we have a new Level 3 Nursery Assistant (who would have overlapped with her) called Miss Sowmya who is absolutely lovely and has already settled in well.

Mrs Sandra Cunningham

## NOTICES:

**Mothers' Day Celebration** - We would like to invite your child's female parent or relative to celebrate Mother's Day on Monday 20th March.

We will be hosting a special Mothers' Day tea party for you to enjoy with your child. The party will start at 1.45pm and will end at 2.45pm.

The party will be hosted outside if weather permits. We kindly ask you to bring a picnic blanket with you on the day.

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

**Waterproofs and Wellies** - Please ensure that your child has waterproofs and wellies in school.

**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 to 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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