



## Early Years Newsletter: 2

### Nursery with Mrs Bendall and Mrs Beer

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of the first Half Term! The children have settled so well and have grown hugely in confidence. Friendships have been made and we are seeing lots of teamwork going on. Outside, the children worked beautifully together to build a very complicated course of ramps out of planks, tubs and tyres. There was lots of problem-solving going on: thinking about heights of stands, width of ramps and how to stop them from slipping off the tyres!

We have spent quite a lot of time outside recently, both at Forest School and going for Autumn Walks, finding treasures and spotting the changes in the season.

Inside, we have set up a car mechanics garage, where many of our cars have been fixed at a reasonable price. We have also enjoyed cooking cheese and onion pastries, building dens, mixing paints, drawing signs and lots of singing!

The children really enjoyed watching Y3/4 performing in their Harvest Festival and sat beautifully in the Hall.



**Proud Clouds:** If your child has done something fantastic at home, or mastered a particular skill, please let us know and we will award them with a Proud Cloud to celebrate!

### Reception with Mrs McGinty

Wow, it's half term already! We have been so busy it has flown by!

The children have had a lovely half term and have made many good friendship groups and are working well together developing their teamwork skills. The children continue to earn lots of 'Reward Tokens' for their hard work and enthusiasm to learn and they have been receiving many certificates for this!

Over the course of the term the children have had lots of exciting experiences.

During the course of the 'Fairytale' topic the children learnt about Jack and the Beanstalk and Goldilocks and the Three Bears, along with many other traditional tales.

We were even lucky enough to have a visit from the Giant! He came in to read the children a story and to ask the children to help him get back home. So the children, along with the Giant, planted



their own Beans, so the Giant could climb back up to his castle. We also made and ate some yummy porridge, just like Goldilocks. It was delicious!

We also learnt a lot about Dinosaurs during the topic. We learnt many of their very complicated names, body parts and we were scientists, searching and discovering dinosaur bones and fossils. We also learnt that they LOVE Underpants!



We discussed and introduced our second value of 'Caring', thinking about how and who we care for and who cares for us. After listening to the 'Owl Babies' and other lovely stories linked to Caring, the children with their talking partners, thought about who they care for and how to show they are a caring and kind friend. Their ideas and thoughts are displayed on our 'Reflection Board'.

The topics that the children will be learning about over the next term are 'Firework Safety', 'Pirates' and 'Christmas'. We all look forward to more exciting learning to come.

**We hope that you have a wonderful Half Term break!**

**The Early Years Team**

(Mrs Bendall, Mrs McGinty, Mrs Beer, Mrs May, Miss Wright, Mrs Eadie and Miss Krzeminski)

### Dates for your diary

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of November-** Back to school

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of November-** Fireworks Night at Overstone

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of November-** Sibling Photos (Nursery children who do not usually attend on Wednesdays are welcome to come if they have a sibling at the school.)