



Early Years Newsletter

Friday 23rd September

With Miss Smith, Ms Pascoe and Mrs Bendall

The children have had a wonderful week learning actions to the story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. We have also been working hard to change the character in the story to a different animal; tigers, dragons, elephants and cats. In maths we have been counting up to 20, counting backwards and matching objects to numerals. In phonics we have been concentrating on rhyming words and body percussion. It was lovely to see so many parents at the Reception Afternoon Tea; we hope you enjoyed the afternoon. Congratulations to Matthew and Ophelia for achieving the behaviour award. Well done!

Ms Pascoe's last day in Reception will be Friday 30th September; we thank her for all her work in Reception. The children will miss her. Mr Bradman is returning from his adoption leave after half term. He has been popping in to see us this half term and we look forward to welcoming him back. Mr Stray will be working with the Class every morning from Monday 3rd October until half term. Mrs Bendall will support and oversee the class and will continue to teach the class every afternoon.

Next Week

We will be practising counting backwards and recognising numerals. In Literacy we will be starting to read a new story, 'The Gingerbread Man.' The children will also have the opportunity to make gingerbread biscuits. Home activity books will be sent home on a **Friday** and we would like them in by the following **Wednesday**.

With Mrs Bendall

This week, we have continued to explore our classroom and many of the children have ventured into the Reception classroom, too! We have also travelled slightly further afield, around the school grounds on a Listening Walk. We heard creaky doors, people talking and birds singing. If you go out somewhere at the weekend, we would love for the children to come back and share with us any sounds that they heard or maybe draw us a picture. Other activities this week have included looking at patterns on animals and making our own patterns. We have also made chocolate play dough birthday cakes and counted candles. Please see the Nursery homepage, using your eschools login, to see photos of some of what we have been up to!

Notices

- The children's own home toys are very special to them so we would like to ask that they are not brought into school.
- Please only send in water with your children in a named water bottle, there should not be juice or squash in their bottles. The children have access to water throughout the day in the snack bar.
- PE kits are needed on Thursdays. They can be brought into school and remain at school until half term when they will be sent home to be washed.

The EYFS webpages are ready for you to have a look at, please use your eschools login to see photos of some of the things we have been up to!

Important Dates

11th and 13th October- Parents evening

20th October- Reading breakfast and Open morning

21st October- Break up for half term

31st October- Return to school

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us,
from all of the **Early Years Team**.