



Early Years Newsletter: Autumn 2020



Nursery with Mrs Bendall

The children have settled back into Nursery beautifully following the Half Term break, growing in confidence and forming friendships.

There has been a lot of interest in our 'Doctors Surgery,' with many small doctors enthusiastically treating patients with bandages.

Numbered tickets have been given out to show patients when it is their turn. We also made ambulances, which were very popular!

The children have also enjoyed making flap-jacks and play-dough, carefully counting, measuring and sharing resources. The flapjacks were delicious, if a little crumbly!

We were treated to some wonderful puppet shows last week (see photo above). I was so impressed by how well the children worked together, happily taking the role of performer, audience or theatre manager.

We have started to introduce the Jolly Phonics actions for the initial sounds of the children's names to start tuning them into sounds. Please see the attached sheet for details.

Next week, we are looking forward to taking part in National Nursery Rhyme Week. Please see the attached letter for more details.

As we approach the end of the year, we will be learning about the change in seasons, the Christmas story and anything else the children are interested in!



Reception with Mrs Sharman

I have really enjoyed getting to know the children, their interests and strengths since Half Term. We have made the most of the lovely Autumn weather to learn about hibernation,

making playdough hedgehogs and building dens for them. We based some of our learning on the Percy the Park Keeper stories and filled in speech bubbles for the characters.

Now that the children have settled into school life, we have adapted our timetable slightly. We now have a Phonics, Maths and Literacy session every day, which is working really well.



Phonics: The children are responding brilliantly to our Read Write Inc phonics sessions. They will be bringing home book-bags with a sheet for every letter sound that they have learnt, in order to practise letter formation.

Maths: We are learning to confidently count to 10 and beyond and to be able to form the numbers. We have also been sorting shapes and objects according to different properties. Ben had the brilliant idea of sorting them into groups of ten, too! Next week, we will be finding 1 more and 1 less than numbers to 10.

Leading up to Christmas, we will do our learning through traditional tales, such as Jack and the Beanstalk and the Gingerbread Man, as well as looking at festivals such as Diwali. We will also learn how to keep ourselves healthy, by making good choices about food, exercise and sleep. As part of this, we will be talking about balanced diets and exploring the contents of our lunchboxes.



Please could we ask that all belongings are named, to make it easier for us to reunite them with their owners.

Thank you!

Dates for your diary

19th of December- End of Term

4th of January- Return to school

12th of February- INSET day followed by Half Term

22nd of February- Return to school.

Thank you so much for your continued support,

The Early Years Team

(Mrs Bendall, Mrs Sharman, Mrs May, Mrs Bazell, Miss Krzeminski, Miss Loveridge,
Miss Wright)