



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October

### With Miss Smith and Mrs Bendall

This week the children have had a lot of fun exploring dinosaurs. We have made fossils, handprint dinosaurs and we have been writing about what dinosaurs like to eat. The children have also learnt about Carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. The children have particularly enjoyed playing in the dinosaur island tuff spot and exploring the textures of the sand and soil. In maths we have been learning about patterns and creating our own ice cream patterns. In literacy the children have changed the character of the gingerbread man to a dinosaur and have drawn their own story maps. Congratulations to Keira-Rose and Lauren for achieving the behaviour award.

### Next Week

Next week we will be focussing on Autumn and creating some lovely autumnal art. We will also be learning to count forwards and backwards. 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 based a lot of our learning on the story of The Little Red Hen. The children have listened very carefully to the story and have learnt to tell it themselves with the aid of our story-map. We have baked some delicious bread and even managed to make butter in a jar! In Funky Fingers, we have stirred grains and planted seeds to develop gross motor skills. In Maths, we have made a zoo for our animals, sorting and counting them into their enclosures. The children have also enjoyed playing with a small world version of the story, creating stories of their own with the animals. Outside, Katherine has had lots of helpers to dig over the garden, to prepare it for bulbs being planted for the spring.

### Notices

- If you have any old buttons, stones, nuts, bolts, phones, cds you no longer need/ want we would be very grateful to receive them- Thank you Reception team.
- Next week we will be using conkers in a lot of activities. If you have any you can donate we would be very grateful. We will be using these all week and as they will get dirty/messy they will not be returned. Thank you.
- 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.

- Forest School: Ash class (Ms Pascoe) – Wednesday afternoon  
Beech class (Miss Smith) – Friday afternoon

On your child's Forest School day Mrs May will see the children out of the nursery gate, the other class will leave through the Reception gate as normal.

Children will need to wear their school uniform to school and bring their Forest School kit in a bag. We will change the children before lunch. The children will leave school in their Forest School kit and take their uniform home in their bag.

**Forest School Kit- long sleeve top (layers in colder weather), trousers, waterproofs and wellington boots.**

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

20<sup>th</sup> October- Reading breakfast and Open morning

21<sup>st</sup> October- Break up for half term

31<sup>st</sup> October- Return to school

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