



## Early Years Newsletter: 3

### Nursery with Mrs Bendall

Welcome back to school! We hope that you had a relaxing half term holiday. We returned to Nursery to find that the whole Outside Area was covered in leaves! Luckily, the children very kindly helped to sweep them up and then filled the sandpit up to the brim with them. We talked about hibernating and pretended to be hedgehogs, sleeping under the leaves. Inside, we baked some delicious biscuits, taking turns to carefully measure out ingredients. Some of the children very successfully made play-dough using their own recipe! On Monday, we were very proud of the children who had their photos taken by the school photographer. They took the whole event in their stride and smiled beautifully.

\*We always love to hear about your child's amazing achievements outside school and would like to invite you to record these on our Proud Cloud display, so that we can celebrate these special moments too.

### Reception with Miss Smith and Ms Oliver

This week the children have been practising counting and learning numbers 1 to 10. We have used paint to print using Numicon and have added the numbers together. The children have carved a pumpkin, made pumpkins using papier maché and have been identifying letters and numbers in our spooky tuff spot. In the water tray we have been writing in 'blood', mixing potions and exploring textures with 'brain' spaghetti. The children have also thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in our Halloween costumes and helping to set up our new space role-play.

Next week we begin the exciting task of rehearsing our Christmas play; this year we will be performing a Christmas concert. There will be more details to follow in the coming weeks.

We would also like to kindly remind you that the children are not supposed to bringing in toys from home as we cannot guarantee that they will be returned undamaged and may even be lost. We already have a few unnamed cardigans and jumpers in the classrooms, please could you ensure that all items of clothing are labelled so they can be returned to the rightful owners. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

- *Sunday 5th November* Bonfire Night from 6pm at Overstone
- *Thursday 14th December* Reception Christmas Concert
- *Friday 15th December* Whole School Pantomime at Overstone and Last Day for Nursery Children
- *Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December* Church Service, Christmas Lunch and Last Day of Term

Best wishes,

The Early Years Team