



Early Years Newsletter

Friday 7th October

With Miss Smith and Mrs Bendall

The children have been celebrating Rosh Hashanah this week; we have been eating honey and apples to celebrate the festival and making cards to send home. We have also been using our sense of taste to try different types of chocolate and say which is our favourite. In Literacy the children have been putting actions to the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' and describing and drawing shapes in Maths. The children have also thought about how to help the gingerbread man travel safely across the river so he doesn't get wet or eaten! They have chosen materials to use as a boat and have investigated whether the material would float or sink. Congratulations to Frankie and Anna for receiving the behaviour award.

Next Week

Next week we will be drawing story maps for the story 'The Gingerbread Man.' The children will also be making honey cake to continue our celebration of Rosh Hashanah. In maths we will be counting and looking at patterns. Home activity books will be sent home on a Friday and we would like them in by the following Wednesday.

With Mrs Bendall

With the chilly weather setting in, this week we made dens outside in which to hibernate. We were also inspired by our nature walk last week to create Autumn pictures, using a variety of materials. In Phonics, we have been enjoying rhyming songs and books and listening carefully during 'Simon Says'. In Maths, we investigated the relative sizes of animals, describing them as taller and shorter. We were surprised by how tall a giraffe can be! This led to lots of measuring objects and people around Nursery, to see what was taller or shorter than a metre stick. Later, the children decided that Christmas had come to our Home Corner already and the metre sticks ended up as a makeshift Christmas tree. We wrapped lots of presents, decorated the tree and sang some festive songs!

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.
- 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

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**.