

Early Years Newsletter



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NURSERY NEWS

'Favourite Stories and Nursery Rhymes'

Our story theme for this week has been 'The Enormous Turnip' and the children have enjoyed a variety of fun and exciting activities, while also discussing vegetables and how they grow. The children have loved looking at the story and discussing the size of the turnip together with thinking of words to describe it, such as gigantic, large, enormous! We have also talked about being kind and helping one another as the story suggests, with everyone working together to help pull the enormous turnip out of the ground.

The Nursery environment has had a lovely aroma of the smell of vegetables this week with the children helping to chop vegetables and make tasty soup which they also enjoyed eating! Thank you to parents for contributing a lovely range of vegetables for us to use.



The children have also been looking closely at vegetables in the soil and exploring our digging tray with a variety of vegetables such as carrots, potatoes, parsnips and onions, whilst also handling rakes and spades. This activity has resulted in vegetables being hidden in the soil and children using the character masks to re-create the story by pulling the enormous vegetables out!



Continuing with the theme of growing and vegetables, the children planted cress seeds during an outdoor activity while talking about what conditions they need to grow. We shall observe these over the coming days and weeks, hopefully resulting in some lovely cress. This will also help the children to develop an understanding of growth and changes over time.



Forest Fun

We plan to enjoy 'messy time' during Forest Fun next week. Please could you send in waterproofs together with your child's usual wellies for this session next Wednesday. If you are not able to provide water-proofs then a spare pair of trousers would be suitable to protect the children's clothing.

Read, Write, Inc.

The children have been looking at 's' and 'd' this week. We have had some wonderful items brought in from home and the children have enjoyed discussing and sorting these items into the correct sound boxes during group times. We have also looked at the correct formation for these letter sounds. We shall be continuing next week with the letters 't' and 'i'. Once again, if children have any items at home beginning with these letters they are welcome to bring them in to share with us.

RECEPTION NEWS

Thank you for sending in all your boxes for junk modelling. After reading the story 'Mr Gumpy's model car', Reception had the challenge of building a new vehicle for Mr Gumpy and all the animals. This activity involved lots of planning, talking and forward thinking from the children. The end products were impressive and very well thought out! We are developing some future automotive engineers!



This week in Maths we have been learning about weight and capacity. Children have been using a variety of classroom items in weighing, comparing, measuring, estimating, filling, emptying....They acted as scales when holding two

items to compare the weights and used a number of containers to fill, empty and measure. Lots of lovely mathematical language has come out of these practical activities in conversations with other children and adults.



You may have noticed the children came home very tired on Thursday. This is because for Forest Fun this week we went on the assault course around the park. The children were also rolling down hills, playing in the huge piles of leaves and squelching through the mud. We got very messy and had lots of fun but also slept very well!



The Reception trip to the Transport museum is on Monday (20th). Could you please send your child into school in school uniform with a disposable snack and water bottle. They will not need their blazers or book bags. If there are any parents that have not yet paid, could you please ensure you do.

The school Christmas Fayre is on Friday (24th) from 7pm -9pm. During the school day children are allowed to come in in their own clothes and bring a bottle or sweets to hand in for the school tombola.