

## EYFS Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> November 2022

This week we continued to learn about the 'People Who Help Us' and we focused our activities on understanding how doctors help us.

### Red Acorns

In Communication and Language, the children listened to the story 'Topsy and Tim visit the Doctor' and learned key vocabulary such as doctor, ambulance, nurse and hospital.

In Physical Development, the children have been developing their fine motor skills by exploring a range of resources such as spoons, tweezers, playdough and paint.

The children have been learning about going to the doctor's surgery and how they can help us feel better in Personal, Social and Emotional.

### Blue Acorns

In English, the children also listened to the weekly story and answered simple questions about it. They also drew pictures of an ambulance.

In Mathematics, the children continued to learn about numbers to 10 and recognising numbers in the environment. They went on a number hunt in the classroom and found many numbers!

We learned the phoneme 't' in Phonics. The children played oral blending games and blended words beginning with the phoneme **t-t-t** such as tiger, teeth and tap.

### Acorns

During child-initiated activities in the Nursery, the children enjoyed filling cups with oats, creating potions and pretending to be doctors. They were caring and enjoyed giving medicine to their friends and teachers.

The children also had the firefighters visit them and enjoyed learning about their very important job. The children then visited the fire engine and helped put a fire out.

### Reception

In English, we listened to the story 'Zog and the Flying Doctors' and we discussed how doctors and nurses help us. We also had a visit from a nurse and we discussed how to keep ourselves healthy.

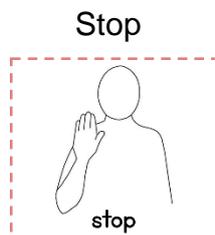
In Mathematics, we learned about positional language. We listened to the story 'We're going on a bear hunt' and then we used positional language to guide our friends through an obstacle course.

In Phonics, we continue to finish learning phase 2 phonemes. This week we learnt the digraphs sh, th, ng and nk. The children oral blended words such as shell, thud, ring and pink. They also read and wrote captions using their phonics knowledge.

During circle time, we talked about healthy habits such as exercise, hydration and oral hygiene.

During child-initiated activities, the children enjoyed making a collage of an ambulance, pretending to be doctors putting bandages and plasters on dolls and exploring writing with chalk.

**This week's Makaton sign is:**



**CPS authors of the week:**

Nursery – James LA

Reception – Daniel

**Nursery Number focus:**

8

**Reception Number focus:**

8

**Nursery Marvellous  
Mathematicians:**

Eden

**Reception Marvellous  
Mathematicians:**

Cora

**Nursery Weekly Song:**

Miss Polly had a Dolly

**Nursery Phoneme of the Week:**

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## MEET THE TEAM:

### Miss Karen

My name is Karen Gregory or Miss Karen! I joined Acorns in October and the team and the children have been so welcoming and friendly, I feel I have been here a lot longer. After having my children, I have worked in a primary school both in the Nursery and Reception classes as an EYFS specialist. Later, I became a food technician and a teaching assistant in a secondary school but always missed the younger children. I then made the decision to return to work in EYFS and I am really enjoying working at Acorns.



## NOTICES:

### Nursery Drop-off:

Nursery children are now settled with Miss Simango so we feel that it is the right time to ensure that the children start their morning routine with Miss Simango's circle time promptly at 9am.

From Monday, one Nursery assistant will be at the door welcoming the children at 8.45am and two will be welcoming the children at the gate at 8.55am.

Miss Simango will be dismissing the children everyday, available to speak to you about your child's day.

### Reception Drop-off:

Reception children are very independent coming into class and from Monday, one teacher will be available at the gate from 8.40am to 8.45am so we too are in class and ready to start the day. The children begin their morning activities (mathematics / writing) at 8.45am giving the children the opportunity to consolidate and apply their learning.

At the end of the day, both class teachers will be dismissing the children and available to speak to you as needed.

**Sickness** – Recently we have had a few cases of sickness and/or diarrhea.. Please be aware that as per our school policy children need to be away from school 2 full days after the last episode of sickness/diarrhea. There are also cases of chicken pox.

**Communication** – If you are collecting or child earlier or by a different adult can you please let us know at the gate or phone the school office.

**Spare clothes** – Each child should have their own set of spare clothes (top, bottom, underwear and socks) labelled in school. Please label all clothes and shoes.

**Water bottles** – Please ensure that your child has a water bottle every day in school. Please support us in teaching your child to understand when they need to drink water and to be independent with their self-care.

**Reception P.E.** – Your child needs to wear their school PE uniform on Fridays.

**Snack** – We offer a rolling snack cafe to Nursery and Reception children. This consists of fruit and water. Please do not send any additional snack in.

**Milk** – Children under 5 will be offered milk throughout the day. When your child turns 5 you can opt in the milk scheme. Please contact the school office.

**Packed Lunches** – Please be aware that we are a nut and sesame free school due to allergies. Please do not send any products containing sesame or nuts in your child's packed lunch.

**Parent communication** – Please remember if you have any questions or concerns you should first contact your child's class teacher followed by the EYFS leader. We are happy to discuss any questions that may arise regarding your child's learning.

**School Newsletter** – Please do also read the main school newsletter as it contains lots of useful information.

We thank you, as always, for your continuing support.  
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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