

EYFS Newsletter

12th January 2023

This term we are learning about 'Cultures around the World'. We have been focusing on learning about different countries and languages.

A big thank you to all parents who volunteered to read a story or to speak a few words in their mother language. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know when you are available.

Nursery

During child-initiated activities in the Nursery, the children enjoyed making pictures out of shapes, making marks on coloured salt, painting union jack flags and playing in the role-play area with their friends.

In Mini-Woodies, the children picked up leaves and used rakes to clean the mini-woodland area. The children learned the key words **clean**, **gloves** and **rake** to talk about how to care for our woodland area.

Blue Acorns

In English, we explored a non-fiction book to learn facts about different people around the world. The children enjoyed looking at a globe and finding where they live.

In Mathematics, the children learned about circles and triangles. The children used key vocabulary **side**, **curved**, **straight** to describe shapes. They enjoyed going on a shape hunt and using ropes and sticks to make circles and triangles.

In Phonics, we learned the phoneme 'g'. The children played oral blending games and blended words beginning with the phoneme **g-g-g** such as girl, gate, glasses and grapes.

Reception

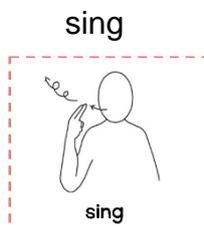
In English, we are learning about the differences between fiction and non-fiction books. We learned facts about different countries, languages and traditions. The children listened to a few key words in different languages and we discussed that some people speak more than one language at home. The children shared with their teachers and friends which language they speak at home.

In Mathematics, we learned about the numbers 4 and 5. The children listened to the story 'The Ugly Five' and used counters to understand composition of 4 and 5.

In Phonics, we began to learn phase 3 phonemes. We learned the diagraphs ai, ee, oa, oo, oo, ar and the trigraph igh. The children oral blended words such as car, night, see, goat, book and rain. They also wrote sentences using their phonics knowledge.

During child-initiated activities, the children enjoyed exploring different scripts and learning about different countries, they wrote letters on flour, pretended to be teachers in our school role-play area and enjoyed dressing up baby dolls.

This week's Makaton sign is:



CPS authors of the week:

Nursery – Theo

Reception – Faith

Nursery Number focus:

2

Reception Number focus:

14

**Nursery Marvellous
Mathematicians:**

Isla

**Reception Marvellous
Mathematicians:**

George E

Nursery Weekly Song:

Hello around the world

Nursery Phoneme of the Week:

g





We are delighted to share the news that Miss Hill is expecting a baby! Thankfully she will continue to work in Acorns until she begins her Maternity Leave in the Summer. The team are happy to support by changing shifts etc but we are still advertising for an additional nursery assistant to join our team.

NOTICES:

Parent Consultations – If your child has their birthday in January or July, the class teacher will contact you to book a parent consultation on 26th January.

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.

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 nuts 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.

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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Willow Class and EYFS Leader – Miss Dias

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