

EYFS Newsletter

19th January 2023

We continued to learn about 'Cultures around the World'. We have been focusing on learning about different countries and languages.

On Tuesday, we celebrated 'Winter Day'. Reception children listened to the story 'Winter Animals' and we discussed why some animals hibernate. The children created their own winter animals' book and enjoyed a variety of winter activities such as painting snowflakes, making dens for animals, exploring snow dough and making apple and rhubarb crumble. It was delicious!

Acorns nursery also enjoyed a range of activities to celebrate 'Winter Day'. They took part in activities such as making snow cakes, playing with snow play dough, sugar painting and listening to a winter story.

Nursery

During child-initiated activities in the Nursery, the children enjoyed learning about different food around the world, using spoons to fill bowls with cereal and oats, making a collage out of shapes and exploring mark making.

In Mini-Woodies, the children made bird feeders and learned about the importance of leaving food for birds during winter.

Blue Acorns

In English, we looked at a non-fiction book to learn about routines around the world. We compared our daily routines with the ones on the book.

In Mathematics, we continued to learn about different shapes and used key vocabulary to describe them. We also learned their names.

In Phonics, we learned the phoneme 'o'. The children played oral blending games and blended words beginning with the phoneme **o-o-o** such as orange, octopus, ostrich and otter.

Reception

In English, we explored a non-fiction book to learn facts about daily routines around the world. We focused our learning on what we eat for breakfast, what we wear for school, what our school looks like and what we do at home.

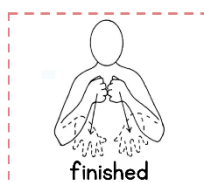
In Mathematics, the children learned about comparing weight. We recapped the key vocabulary **heavier than** and **lighter than** to compare the weight of two different objects.

In Phonics, we began to learn phase 3 phonemes. We learned the diagraphs **ur**, **ow** and **oi** and the trigraph **ear**. The children oral blended words such as fur, curl, cow, owl, join, boil, beard and hear. They also wrote sentences using their phonics knowledge.

During child-initiated activities, the children enjoyed exploring different breakfast foods from around the world, drawing pictures of their teachers and school and comparing them to schools around the world, playing with baby dolls giving them bath, brushing their teeth and hair and getting them ready for school.

This week's Makaton sign is:

finished



CPS authors of the week:

Nursery – Nora

Reception – Ahmed

Nursery Number focus:

7

Reception Number focus:

15

**Nursery Marvellous
Mathematicians:**

James LA

**Reception Marvellous
Mathematicians:**

Adam

Nursery Weekly Song:

Everybody is different

Nursery Phoneme of the Week:

o





Drop in and Read session – Our first ‘drop in and read’ session will be on 22nd February at 2.45pm. More information to be sent shortly.

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 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.

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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