

EYFS Newsletter

26th January 2023

We continued to learn about 'Cultures around the World'. We have been focusing on learning about different homes around the world.

Nursery

During child-initiated activities in the Nursery, the children enjoyed listening to 'The Three Little Pigs' story and build houses for them, drawing and creating their own houses out of junk modelling and playdough.

In Mini-Woodies, the children began to take part in the Great British Bird Watch and learning about different birds we can find in the woodland area.

Blue Acorns

In English, we looked at a non-fiction book to learn about different homes around the world and the children enjoyed sharing photos of their homes!

In Mathematics, we learned the key vocabulary **heavy/heavier, light/lighter** to compare weight. The children enjoyed listening to the story 'Balancing Act' and used the key vocabulary when playing on the see saw.

In Phonics, we learned the phoneme '**c/k**'. The children played oral blending games and blended words beginning with the phoneme **c-c-c/k-k-k** such as car, kite, kettle and cat.

Reception

In English, we explored a non-fiction book to learn about the materials houses are made of. The children used their phonics knowledge to write a sentence about the materials houses are made of.

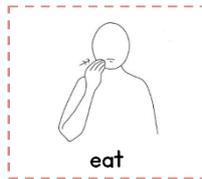
In Mathematics, the children learned about the number six. They listened to the story 'Six Dinner Sid', represented the number six on their fingers and explored the number bond to 6 using part-whole models.

In Phonics, we finished learning phase 3 phonemes. We learned the digraph **er**, the trigraph **air** and the double letters **bb, gg, mm** and **tt**. The children oral blended words such as bigger, hair, hammer, rabbit and letter. They also wrote sentences using their phonics knowledge.

During child-initiated activities, the children enjoyed using shapes on geoboards to make pictures of houses, made houses out of playdough, designed their own house plan and learned key vocabulary related to the topic.

This week's Makaton sign is:

eat



CPS authors of the week:

Nursery – Genevieve

Reception – Emily

Nursery Number focus:

8

Reception Number focus:

13

**Nursery Marvellous
Mathematicians:**

Jack J

**Reception Marvellous
Mathematicians:**

Ben M

Nursery Weekly Song:

Animal Homes

Nursery Phoneme of the Week:

c/k





Co-Op Local Community Fund

We were delighted to be selected for the Local Community Fund Scheme and received £2,089 from the Co-Op for climbing equipment for Acorns Nursery. The children were so excited to explore the new apparatus. Many even challenged themselves to jump over or balance on the different blocks. They had lots of fun climbing across the different pieces and helping to arrange them into different circuits.





NOTICES:

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.

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.

Whole School Newsletter – Please also read the whole school newsletter as it contains lots of useful information and relevant dates.

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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