

EYFS Newsletter

23rd February 2023

This term we are learning about animals. This week we focused our learning on pets and which animals make good pets and why.

We celebrated Pancake Day by listening to the story Mr Wolf's Pancakes, making pancakes and choosing our favourite toppings. The children enjoyed making the dough and watching their teachers flipping the pancakes!

Nursery

During child-initiated activities in the Nursery, the children enjoyed playing in our pet shop role-play area, painting pictures of their favourite pets, practising counting and learning new words to describe different animals such as fierce lion, tall giraffe and heavy elephant.

In Mini-Woodies, we discussed the importance of maintaining the woodland area and the children enjoyed picking up leaves. We also played hide and seek.

Blue Acorns

In English, we listened to the story Dear Zoo and answered simple questions about the story. The children were very proud showing photos of their pets to their friends and teachers.

In Mathematics, we learned about representing numbers to 3 in different ways. The children played a matching game and explored numicon shapes to represent numbers.

In Phonics, we learned the phoneme 'u'. The children played oral blending games and blended words with the phoneme **u-u-u** such as mud, dug, pup, cup and mug.

Reception

In Circle Time, the children learned about Lent being a special time of year when Christians prepare for Easter.

In English, we listened to the story Six Dinner Sid and answered questions about the story in full sentences. The children talked about their own pets and the pets they would like to have.

In Mathematics, the children listened to the story The Bad Tempered Ladybird and discussed different times of the day such as, morning, afternoon, evening and night. The children then discussed their own routines and looked at what time of the day these happen.

In Phonics, the children have recapped phase 3 phonemes and tricky words. They have read and written words and sentences containing words such as right, tail, soak, curl and foot.

In Mini-Woodies, the children learnt about the importance of looking after their environment. They picked up leaves and they were excited to discover new flower shoots growing underneath them. We discussed the different parts of a plant, such as, stem, leaf, petal and roots.

During child-initiated activities, the children enjoyed exploring different pet food and the resources needed to have pets and how to look after them. The children drew and painted their own pets or the pets they would like to have. They thought very carefully about the colours they would choose to paint their pictures.

This week's Makaton sign is:

How are you?



CPS authors of the week:

Nursery – Isla

Reception – Martha

Nursery Number focus:

3

Reception Number focus:

17

**Nursery Marvellous
Mathematicians:**

Pietro

**Reception Marvellous
Mathematicians:**

Misha

Nursery Weekly Song:

I have a pet

Nursery Phoneme of the Week:

u









NOTICES:

Waterproofs and Wellies - Please ensure that your child has waterproofs and wellies in school.

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 into 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 do also read the whole school newsletter as it contains lots of important information and dates for your diary.

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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