

# Early Years Newsletter



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## NURSERY NEWS

Nursery have enjoyed another wonderful week, with *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, being our book of the week. The children kicked off the week with a bug hunt in Forest Fun... we found centipedes, woodlice, worms, slugs, spiders and flies! Lovely! No log was left unturned and the children squealed at the creepy crawlies they found!



### Literacy

We introduced the letter 'a' this week and the children have tried very hard to go "around the apple and down the leaf". It is important that they get the formation right at a young age because bad habits are hard to undo!



### Numeracy

We used ink to count out the right amount of fingerprints to match the numeral on the caterpillars head. This is tricky as it involves careful and meaningful counting. They all tried hard. We also made "square monsters", as a reminder of the shape. The children loved these and I hope they do remember the shape name!



Dough gym, P.E., Music and all of the other wonderful activities we do have all gone very well too. Your children are very happy and settled.... wonderful.



Next week, we look at the letter 's' and our book is *Pumpkin Soup* ...looking forward to it!



Have a great weekend.



## RECEPTION NEWS

Autumn seems to be very much on its way this week with winds and cooler temperatures arriving. The children have certainly been thankful for their warm coats and long tracksuit bottoms. During these challenging times, friends help keep us happy and hopeful.



At the end of last week in **Topic**, we thought about who our friends were in the class. It was wonderful that all the children could think of someone who was special to them, whether it was a single special friend or a whole group. It was particularly nice to see children being incorporated into several different friendship sets.



In this week's work, we have been thinking about our senses. We thought about our ears, eyes and nose, what we use them for and how we look after them. The children went on a scavenger hunt to focus on the sense of 'touch'. Their mission was to find as many different textures as possible. Later in the week, we moved on to 'taste and smell'. We put our tasting skills to the test to see whether we could identify a food with our eyes shut. Strangely, we were very good at guessing chocolate correctly!



**Literacy**, saw us continue to learn our Read Write Inc. sounds and perfect our 'Fred talk'. Linking with our topic work, we read 'Funny bones' and ordered the pictures from the story. Many children were able to order six pictures in total, which was fabulous! With rhyming being a fundamental skill, we looked at words that had the same ending sounds. To challenge ourselves further, we even tried to carry on rhyming patterns, rat, cat, sat, bat etc.



**Maths** work has been focusing on strengthening our understanding of the relationship of numbers and what they 'look' like. Calculating 'one more than', we have been learning what that means on a number line, counting by rote and practically too.



**Parent's meetings** have been taking place this week and we hope you found them useful. We have all be adapting to new technology and ways of communicating and although we did not get to meet in the dining hall as per usual, it was good to discuss your child's progress and help with any concerns.

**Lost property:** Henry lost his tracksuit bottoms last week. Please could you look in school bags to help locate them. We also have a pair of unnamed Games shorts, if you have misplaced any. If you are able to check that all your child's items of clothing are named, it would be extremely helpful when we are trying to find their rightful owner. Many thanks.

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Reception Team