

Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 10.11.25

Term 2 topic- Tell me a Story

Our story of the week- "The Enormous Turnip"



We have enjoyed teaching and learning so much already this term!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- We have been continuing to develop our listening skills as we learn and play together. We are remembering our class rules to ensure we are Ready, Respectful and Safe. We have also been concentrating on sharing toys and taking turns with our friends as we play together. In Jigsaw this week the theme is 'Celebrating Difference'. This week we chatted about our favourite toys to play with and know that we like doing different things to our friends. We wore odd socks this week to celebrate the fact that we are all different, and that that is a good thing! We listened to an age-appropriate PowerPoint presentation about Anti-Bullying Week. We concentrated on the positive value of being especially kind this week, which links with our school value this term of 'Kindness'.

Communication and Language- We enjoyed chatting to each other about the story this week and thinking about the differences and similarities between different versions of the same story. We thought of all the different words to use when something is enormous: huge, giant, massive and humongous we came up with! We have also been sharing our thoughts and ideas with a partner during maths sessions on the carpet. We know we use a 'thumb' if we want to answer a question on the carpet or share our ideas, rather than shouting out. We also chatted about Children in Need Day and why we have it.

Physical Development- To help develop our fine motor skills we have enjoyed exploring play dough, using tweezers and scissors and making patterns. We have also been busy cutting and sticking in the making areas and using various building and constructing toys. Dough Disco is great fun to help us strengthen our fingers for writing. We are also enjoying squiggle whilst you wiggle where we practise our gross motor skills. In PE this week we practised stopping, changing direction and moving safely through songs and games. When we are outside, we love building obstacle courses to challenge our balance and agility, and we are learning to use sports equipment correctly. We learnt how to use hockey sticks this week and know that you have two hands on a hockey stick and keep it pointing down.

Literacy- We are learning lots of new sounds to help us to begin reading and writing. The children have enjoyed learning three new sounds this week, 'r', 'j' and 'y'. We have played Fred Frog games, and we are getting very good at putting sounds together to make words, for example, 'g-e-t, get' during phonics sessions. We especially enjoy using phonics cards and objects to teach each other in 'choosing' time. We read green words every day 'Fred Frog read the word' and we pinch sounds onto our 'Fred Fingers' to help us spell the word. We continue to look at a variety of fiction and non-fiction books and share them with our friends.

Mathematics- We have continued to practise counting in 1s to 10 and back down to 0, recognising our numbers to 10, forming our numbers correctly and showing the

correct number of fingers when asked. This week we talked about more than and fewer than and counting slowly and carefully to check. We did a counting job and we know to touch each object, say the number and count twice to doublecheck we haven't made a mistake. We also are learning to spot the pattern and then continue it.

Understanding the World- We continue to spot many changes in the world around us and we are noticing more leaves on the ground, showing so many different signs of autumn. We enjoy using the smart board and completing activities on the Purple Mash website. We practise our number and letter formation on the board every day.

Expressive Arts and Design- We were very busy on the art table again this week. We made a turnip picture using various media and got very messy using handprints for the leaves. We used pastels to draw a scene from the story have also enjoyed printing with different vegetables. We are not only creative at the art table, but we are also still enjoying our role play and our independent 'making' areas!

Supporting learning at home

- Challenge the children to count. How many bananas in the fruit bowl? How many fingers on everyone's hands in the family?
- Can you play 'I spy.... using the phonemes (sounds) we have been learning?
- Can the children spot any signs of autumn as you are out and about?
- Why not make some gloop at home. Just mix cornflower and a little bit of water and see what happens.
- Practise recognising and writing all the sounds learnt so far.
- Practise writing numbers to 10.

Have a look at the photos of the children learning through play...

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Notes for week beginning 17.11.25

- **Remember Tuesday 18th November is the EYFS Phonics meeting at 3.30pm in the hall. Come and find out how we teach and learn phonics.**
- **Sign up with your child's teacher for a phonics session with your child on Thursday 20th or Tuesday 25th from 9.15-9.45am.**
- **Please make sure that coats, water bottles and book bags are in school every day, all labelled with your child's name.**

Have a nice weekend!