



## Our News

We have all enjoyed exploring our senses and talking about what we like to see, hear, touch, taste and smell. Using our senses to taste different foods, sniff different smells and feel different textured objects has helped us to develop our language and use new words such as sour, bitter, spicy, fluffy, soft and prickly. We have been learning some songs about our five senses too. Ask them to sing them to you!

In the Creative area, we have been selecting our own suitable materials and tools to make a collage plate of the food we like to taste. At snack time we have been making the healthy snack of banana on toast. This has helped us to practise our cutting, spreading and slicing skills with a knife.

In mathematics we have been learning the names of the 3D shapes and talking about how solid shapes are different to flat 2D shapes. Outside we have enjoyed going on shape hunts to find as many real life examples of the different 3D shapes.

A big thank you to Freddie's Mum and baby brother Jenson and Amelia's Mum and Dad and baby sister Georgia, who came to visit us in school today. The Ducklings enjoyed asking questions and finding out more about how we grow and change. We have also enjoyed looking at the baby photos and guessing which baby is who!

Today the children will bring home their first reading books. Please read the letter inside the reading record to help you and remember to discuss the Home-school with your child and then both sign it.



## Our Learning

For the next two weeks our focus will be on Harvest and Autumn. We will find out how and why people celebrate Harvest Time. We will be reading the traditional tale of 'The Little Red Hen.' We will talk about the characters in the story, discuss how the story starts, what happens in the middle and how the story ends. The children will then have a go at retelling, ordering and acting out the story through role-play. **Have a look at home for any different versions of this story to bring in and share with the class.**

We are continuing with Phase 2 of the Letters and Sounds program in phonics. The sounds we will be learning are p, i, n, m and d. And the tricky words we are learning to read and write are; I, go, to, the and no.

We will send home sets of letter flash cards as we cover them, so that you can use all the sounds covered to practise letter/sound recognition, reading words and making words. It is important that they can hear the sounds for themselves in words and say them correctly.

We will be learning some songs about autumn and colour mixing to see which primary colours we can mix together to make autumnal colours for our leaf printing. Now that we are experts on the senses, we shall use our senses to look for signs of autumn on our welly walks and collect treasures for our investigation table.

In mathematics we will use our estimating skills to 'guess' how many conkers or acorn there are and then check by counting accurately. We will also then match the correct numeral to that amount. We will also compare two sets of objects and say which has more or fewer.



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Jaxon Steele for being an all-round super star and Alfie Dickson for settling so well, when he hadn't met any of us before moving to Carleton Green.

Max Trumper for his enthusiasm with his learning and Emily Hall for starting school with super confidence.

## Reminders/Needed:

**Wellies and Puddle Suits**- If you haven't yet sent in a pair of wellies for your child or a puddle suit, please can you do so as soon as possible? We will all be going on a walk to look for signs of autumn next week, whatever the weather!

**Nut-Free School** Please can we ensure that all snacks or items in packed lunches are completely nut free as we have a number of children in our classes with nut allergies? This is a requirement throughout all of our school too. Thank you.

**Autumn Objects** - While you are out and about can you collect as many different natural objects for our autumn investigation table, such as conkers and their shells, acorns, sycamore seeds, different coloured leaves and fir cones.

**Volunteers** - Would you be able to spare an hour of your time to come and help either with listening to readers or helping to do some gardening? Please see your child's class teacher if this is something you might be able to do. It does not have to be each week, but as and when you can spare the time. Many thanks.

**Harvest Donations** - We would like to have a little Harvest festival in our classes and to donate the produce to a good cause. Please send in any tins or packets for us to display and then to donate to the 'Amazing Grace' soup kitchen in Blackpool.

**Baby Wipe Lids** - We are collecting empty baby wipe packets with the plastic flaps/lids on.

### **How can you help at home?**

Practise zipping or buttoning up your coats at home

Practise dressing and undressing and putting the clothes back the right way when they are inside out.

### **Talk for Numbers**

Practise counting forwards and backwards to 10, then 20.

Look for the numbers 0-20 whilst out and about.

What number comes next? " 11, 12, 13, ?"

Ask a grown up to use a puppet and to count, but make a mistake! Can you spot their mistake?

Collect two handfuls for e.g. of smarties or Lego bricks. Count each handful. Which is more? Less? Greater?

Fewer? Estimate how many there are and then check by counting.

### **Talk for Reading and writing**

When you are sharing a story together find the title and author and show the children where you are starting to read on the page.

Read another version of The Little Red Hen. Can they tell you who the main characters are? How does the story start? Finish? Can you retell the story? Bring in any different versions of The Little Red Hen that you have at home for us to share.

Find objects when you are at home and out and about that start with the sounds s, a, t, p, i, n, m and d.

Play I spy with these letters. Have a go at being Metal Mike! Sound talk words e.g. Can you get your 'c-o-a-t.'

Practise writing these letters in sand or with chalk. Look for these letters in books at home.

### **Talk for Topic - Ourselves**

Go on your own autumn welly walk! What can you see, hear, feel, smell, taste?

Collect interesting objects for our autumn table



### **Dates for your diary:**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Halloween Family Event

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Open Afternoon from 2pm Family/friends are invited to share in their child's learning

School closes for half-term - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November - School re-opens

Thursday 8th November - PTFA Fashion Show 6pm-8pm This evening is for adults only with details to come soon.

Monday 12th November - Parents' Evening 4 -7.30pm

Tuesday 13th November - Parents' Evening 4 -7.30pm

Tuesday 20th November ~ Aladdin Pantomime - in school