

Nursery Newsletter 12 - Friday 29th November 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome to our latest Nursery update! We have had another busy week, in spite of the onset of tummy bugs, coughs and colds. Even poor Mrs Buckley fell ill at the start of the week, but it's lovely to see her back fit and well. The children have really missed her at the door every morning.

We have really stressed the importance of personal hygiene within nursery to try and limit the spread of any germs. The children have revisited our handwashing song and routine as a gentle reminder of the importance of keeping germs at bay. We have also ensured that all resources, door handles, toileting areas etc. are regularly cleaned to try and limit the transmission of any unwelcome bugs. Could we also ask that you remain vigilant at home with this (see the link below if you want to join in with our little routine) and ensure that your child/ren do not attend nursery following any instances of sickness or diarrhoea for at least 48 hours following the latest episode of either event. Hopefully, the bug will have run its course soon and we can return to full health! Here's the link: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

During Talk for Writing this week, we have started to look at our information text. Following the children's interest and obvious enjoyment last week as they looked at and tasted a pineapple, we decided to try and find out a little more about this particular fruit. The children have started to compile a list of interesting facts gathered through their investigation, along with thinking about some actions to accompany an oral retelling of their fact sheet. We are looking forward to sharing this with you on Tapestry soon!

In our Maths work this week, the children have been comparing quantities. They have been measuring with connecting cubes and thinking about who has the most, using the balance scales to explore how different quantities can affect the way the scales move and comparing sets of toys in the basket at Teddy's Toy Shop. Throughout this, they continue to revise their developing knowledge of number recognition and mathematical vocabulary.

Our topic- 'Why do leaves go crispy?' has seen us using lots of leaves to create hedgehogs this week. We are also continuing to investigate other seasonal items as we use fallen apples from around the nursery grounds to print with, conkers to count with and pine cones to craft with. We are certainly fortunate to have so many natural resources to hand around our nursery environment and we love exploring all that is on offer!

We are continuing to practise our songs for our upcoming Christmas performance. The children are definitely enthusiastic and really working hard to put together the lyrics and actions. Please see the list attached regarding your child's role in the show! We are keeping costumes very simple and low- cost, so very much in the tea- towel headdress and dressing gown robe tradition and have offered a few suggestions for the characters that you may find useful. While you may still wish to buy a costume, please do not feel obliged to do so. Our performance will very much be about the children enjoying the opportunity to share their songs and enthusiasm with you as we celebrate our first Christmas at Little Harriers.

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The children's personalised Christmas card orders have been delivered and given to the children this week. If you have not received yours, please speak to Mrs Dennis at the office. Please note that mugs will be despatched separately and we are expecting them within the next week or so.

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Birdie has watched over Nursery this week and has been looking for another Little Harrier demonstrating our value of 'Respect.' This week, he has decided that Eddie has displayed this value well as he has worked hard to listen to adults during circle time and has shown lots of respect towards others as he helps them to get their bags and coats at home time. Well done, Eddie- have fun!

Just a quick reminder about our Christmas craft morning which takes place next Friday (6/12). If you would like to attend, please stay with your child/ren in the morning at drop off time. The session will run until 10.15am, when the children will say their goodbyes and settle for snack and the remainder of the nursery session. We hope to see you there!

Don't forget that the School Admissions window is now open and closes on the 15th January. If you're unsure how to apply, speak to Mrs Dennis at the office for guidance.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Blackshaw and Mrs Buckley 😊

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