



WELFORD-ON-AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL
NURSERY NEWS
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Dear Parents and Carer's,

This week, we have continued to learn about Harvest and how it is celebrated around the world.

We have looked at a globe and a map to illustrate where some of our favourite fruits and vegetables are grown and then harvested before they eventually reach our homes.

After recapping how Christians celebrate Harvest we have begun to find out how other faiths celebrate. We have chosen to discover more about the Jewish festival Sukkot, which begins on 16th October this year and lasts for seven nights. We have learnt that as part of Sukkot, a sukkah is built in the garden, and it consists of three walls and has a roof made of branches and leaves. It is also important to be able to still see the sky when inside the sukkah. The sukkah is then used throughout the festival of thanksgiving, to eat meals with family and friends and to sleep inside if you want to.

We have built our own sukkah in the classroom, where the children are using props such as bowls, bread, fruits, honey and candles (battery operated) to role play a Sukkot celebration. We also have a willow branch roof!



Visit to St Peters Church

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we are going to visit St Peter's church in Welford, on Thursday 17th October. If your child attends Thursday sessions, you will receive a consent form, which needs to be completed and returned by Wednesday 16th October.

Since we have been thinking about people less fortunate than ourselves, we are making a collection for the Birmingham City Mission, along with the whole school.

If you would like to donate any items of nonperishable packets or tins of food or toiletries, a box will be available when dropping off from Monday. All the items will be gathered and collected from school at the end of this half term.

Due to children attending different sessions, it is not always possible for everyone to be able to take part in every event. You are all invited to come along to our Harvest assembly on 24th October, where every child will have the opportunity to join in.

Phonics

This week's nursery rhyme is Hey diddle diddle. Nursery rhymes will continue to be central to our phonics sessions throughout the year, since they play such an important part in early language development.

We have continued to practice tuning into sounds, using pictures cues of pets and farm animals. We wore our big listening ears to help us become more engaged in listening!

Forest School

This week the weather stayed dry for the duration of our forest school session, where went on a number hunt to find a given number of natural objects. The children did really well, staying focused on their counting tasks.

Mathematics

This week has been the final week for teaching all about matching and sorting. We have recapped previous learning and used effective questioning to encourage children to think and articulate their thoughts and ideas about how they are sorting.

We have discussed what they notice about a group, in preparation for sorting and making their own rules for sorting.



Creative

Our Christmas cards are complete and ready to be sent off to the printers. We will contact you with details when they are available to purchase.

Continuing with our Sukkot celebrations, we have made a photo-frame that represents a sukkah, using wooden lolly sticks to create the shape and added 'greenery and fruits' to the roof.

We have been developing our DT skills by learning how to use a tape dispenser safely. After creating a sphere shape with newspaper, we learnt how to use the dispenser to cut the masking tape and then wrap it around the newspaper to hold it in shape. We have painted our models to represent an apple or orange for our harvest display.



Harvest Assembly

You are all invited to come along to our Nursery/Reception Harvest assembly on 24th October, starting at 9.05am. Every child will have the opportunity to join in.

TEAMS

Thank you to everyone for booking your Parent Meeting slot for the 16th or 21st October. Meetings will be set up and you will be sent an invite. Please do not dial me on TEAMS.

Coats

Please ensure that your child comes to Nursery wearing a coat everyday now please.

Using a knife and fork

We are really working on developing the use of a knife and fork at lunchtimes. This can be a difficult skill for some, but with support the children are becoming more independent. As part of our Fundamental British Values at Welford, we encourage the children to have good etiquette at the dining table, to say please and thank you, use a knife and fork and to sit nicely.

Illness

It is imperative that we all follow the guidelines for illness. If your child is ill, telephone the school office and give a brief message about why they will not be attending.

Many thanks for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs M Sims
Nursery Class Teacher

"I am not a teacher, but an awakener."
Robert Frost