



Dear Parents and Carer's,

We have continued to be very productive in Nursery this week, recapping our knowledge about Harvest and how it is celebrated around the world.

As part of Sukkot, people decorate their sukkah with hanging fruits. We have made decorations using dried citrus fruits, beads and leaves. The children have used their fine motor skills to join the pieces together with a needle and thread. These have been displayed in the classroom and will also make lovely Christmas decorations when they come home.

The children have enjoyed role play in our sukkah, where they have pretended to eat meals and 'sleep'. Whilst observing children during play, we hear them articulating facts they have learnt.



Visit to St Peters Church

Many thanks for the many contributions to our Harvest collection. On Thursday morning we visited St Peter's church, where Reverend Grundy, 'Yvette', was amazed at how the children were able to articulate their knowledge about Harvest and how it is celebrated by Christians around the world. They also shared their knowledge of the Festival of Sukkot. Our visit concluded with a prayer, and we sang Big Red Combine Harvester!

The children all walked beautifully and were fantastic ambassadors for Welford School. We were super proud of every single one of them!

We have invited Yvette to come and visit us in Nursery to talk to us about Advent at the end of November.

Phonics

This week's nursery rhyme is Ring 'o' ring a roses. The focus for this week's phonics has continued to be listening and tuning into sounds in stories. These have been interactive, encouraging children to listen for the sounds in the kitchen and sounds in the street.

After half term, we will begin to introduce letters and link them to the phonetic sound. More information will follow, to ensure that we can work together at the same pace and deliverance that we use throughout school.

Forest School

Out in the forest was a little damp, but it did stay dry. We were exploring sounds this week, finding two sticks and discovering the different sounds we could make with them. The children had lots of fun tapping, banging, scraping and dragging their sticks against trees, logs, branches, leaves and the fence.



Mathematics

Each week your child will develop their knowledge of numbers by learning about one focused number a week. Through planned activities, they will learn how to recognise and count objects as well as say a simple rhyme to help them with formation and recognition. This week we have been learning about number one.

'Number one is like a stick; you can draw it really quick!'

Conkers!

Since Wednesday, we have been taking part in conker activities to raise some funds for school. These have included conker painting, conker alley (rolling a conker down a pipe and seeing how far it will travel along a number line), how many scores can you get catching conkers in the net and scooping conkers into the basket. We will continue to collect voluntary contributions at the beginning of next week if you would like to contribute 50p.



Harvest Assembly

Do not forget it is our Nursery/Reception Harvest assembly on Thursday 24th October, starting at 9.05am. Every child will have the opportunity to join in. We look forward to seeing you there.

TEAMS

Many thanks to everyone who has already joined me for Parents evening. I hope that you found the meeting informative.

Meetings have now been set up on TEAMS for those who have booked Monday 21st October.

Half term

A reminder that school closes for half term on Thursday 24th October and reopens on Monday 4th November.

Coats

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

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.

There have been a few cases of hand, foot and mouth recently. If you child is feeling unwell, has a temperature or sore mouth, is unable to drink or eat, please ensure they are well enough to come into school.

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