**Nursery Bulletin**
**Friday 9th October 20256**
**Theme for the week – Babies and pancakes!**

We've had a super week enjoying the Autumn sunshine. This October, we celebrate Black History Month. We will continue to celebrate our differences, linked to the All About Me topic, through an array of diverse stories and authors.

## Our learning this week

In phonics this week we sang 'Miss Molly had a Dolly' and played games to explore recognising sounds, rhyming, alliteration and clapping syllables in words.

When we got to school on Monday we noticed that all of our conkers had disappeared from their pot in the garden! We think the squirrels might have taken them! We went on a walk in the big field outside to collect some more and to look for other signs of Autumn. The children found lots of conkers and fallen leaves of different colours.

We read lots of books about babies this week: 'The World is Full of Babies' by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom; 'Baby Brains' by Simon James and 'Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes' by Mem Fox. The children joined in with the repeated words in one of the stories and talked about how the babies were the same and different. They also loved sharing their baby photos with each other. They were able to talk about how they have changed and what they can do now that they couldn't do then.

Because some children have been interested in making pancakes in the mud kitchen we read 'The Big Pancake'. The children then tried different pancake toppings and we encouraged them to describe the taste. We introduced vocabulary such as sweet, sticky, sour, sharp, soft. The children then put toppings on their own pancake using a knife to chop and spread. We also had a 'dough disco', manipulating the playdough to the song 'Uptown Funk'!

In our maths activities the children explored building with the blocks, making towers and other things, explaining why they chose a particular block. They then collected natural materials to add to their constructions. After reading one of their favourite books 'Shark in the Park' they explored the construction area to choose their own materials to build a vehicle for Timothy Pope to escape from the shark. Again, they talked about what blocks they were using and why.

We had our first PE lesson this week and played games to practise the rules of PE – good listening, following instructions, using our eyes so we don't bump into others and running at a sensible pace. Mrs Appleby began to think about Harvest in RE, by explaining that our friends Tessa and Tom like to say thank you to God for providing food to eat. Finally we carried out a 'character' lesson and explored the theme of 'resilience'. We made superhero masks and thought about 'not giving up' as being a superpower. This relates to our work on growth mindsets. The children know the importance of saying 'I can't do it YET!' rather than 'I can't do it'. They know that they can 'Be like the bear cub' when they are trying to do something difficult by not giving up, putting in lots of effort, persevering, and learning from others. This is the bear cub video we showed the children:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eM0pDz8ZahU

In their child-initiated learning the children loved spending time outside making pizzas, ice creams, smoothies and other things with the natural materials. They tried out our new game which involved throwing beanbags onto shapes and into buckets on the fence. We have now set the role play area up as a Baby Clinic and the children have been feeding, bathing, weighing, measuring the babies and changing their nappies!

## Next week

Next week we will talk about our families and will read "Love Makes a Family" by Sophie Beer. Please put up a photo of your child's immediate family on Tapestry ready for Show and Tell on Monday. It is the school's Harvest worship next week so we will continue to think about Autumn and Harvest in nursery, singing some Harvest songs and learning about fruit and vegetables. We will be making soup on Tuesday. Please could you kindly send in a vegetable on Monday to go in our soup. I will put a note in the link books of what we need.

## Reminders and requests

- PE is on Monday.
- Show and Tell is on Monday.
- Friday 16th October – Individual and family photos
- Friday 16th October – Autumn Disco 5pm–6pm
- Please make sure you cut grapes, olives and other similar foods into halves or quarters before they go in your child's lunchbox.
- If you would like to come in and read a story to the class please let us know by putting a note in the link book. The children love to have visitors!

**Home Learning ideas to support your child's early development:**

- Reading – see the "Recommended Reads for Preschool and Nursery" book list.

- The 'NHS Best Start in Life' website has ideas for having everyday conversations, playing and reading with your child.
  Learning conversations: 3 to 5 years - Best Start in Life - NHS
- The BBC's Tiny Happy People and the National Literacy Trust's Family Zone
- NSPCC Online Safety for under 5s

Have a wonderful weekend!

The Nursery Team



Be like the Bear cub and...

Take a risk
Learn from your mistakes
Try a different strategy
Persevere
Put in effort
Learn from others
Challenge yourself
Never give up!











