Nursery Bulletin
Friday 16th October 2026

Theme for the week – Family and Friends, Harvest

I can't believe it's nearly half term and the children have been here for 6 weeks! They are continuing to grow in confidence around the nursery and are enjoying playing with or alongside other children.

Our learning this week

In phonics this week we sang 'Humpty Dumpty' and played games to explore sounds, rhyming, syllables and alliteration.

We read 'The Great Big Book of Families' and 'Love Makes a Family' at the beginning of the week. The children drew super pictures of themselves with their family using wax crayons. They were able to draw a line to enclose a space to create a face and added eyes, nose, mouth, arms and legs.

Because the rest of the school have been celebrating Harvest in collective worship, we had our own celebration singing a variety of Harvest songs such as Big Red Combine Harvester, Oats and Beans and Barley Grow and Harvest Samba.

On Tuesday we had the Big Soup Share. The children helped to make soup by safely peeling, chopping and slicing the vegetables using peelers and knives. When it was cooked we shared it out and enjoyed it together. We talked about why vegetables are healthy and read 'Oliver's Vegetables' to think about where the vegetables come from, also making links to Harvest. We then shared our soup with Reception.

Our maths activities have involved exploring pattern this week. We sang nursery rhymes and read stories with repeated words and the children were encouraged to notice and join in with them. They also clapped along to the rhythm of some other rhymes. Finally they made their own line patterns by printing with a leaf, fruit or vegetable, recognising that they need to use the same object many times to make the line pattern.

In our PE lesson this week we continued to work on the rules of PE and following instructions through playing a variety of games. In RE with Mrs Appleby the children continued to think about how Christians celebrate Harvest. Finally, this month is Black History Month and we learnt about someone inspirational. We read the Little People Big Dreams book about Usain Bolt. We then made our own medals, Olympic rings and we went to the field for some running races to see if we could run as fast as Usain Bolt! Have look at the photos below.

In their child initiated learning some children have loved playing with the marble run, connecting the pieces, watching the marbles roll and making changes to make it even better. They have also enjoyed playing the magnetic fishing game to collect and match numbers on a board. Some children also chose to help make a tractor collage for an Autumn display and others have been drawing trains tracks, playing teachers with the visual timetable and using the crates and planks to build a car.

Next week

Next week we will be thinking about how we are the same and different to other children. We will read 'Whoever You Are' by Mem Fox, 'Happy In Our Skin' by Fran Manushkin and 'It's Okay To Be Different'. This week Peggy had fun making a map, lots of children were on a hunt for 'x marks the spot' and Bella Rose wants to learn about unicorns so next week we will also have a theme of unicorn adventures!

Reminders and requests

- Tuesday 20th October – Farm Visit 9.15am
- Tuesday 20th October - Parent's Consultations
- Wednesday 21st October - Parent's Consultations
- Friday 23rd October – The Friends Break the Rules Day (Crazy hair!)

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







Usain Bolts' victory pose!

