Nursery Bulletin
Friday 23rd October 20256
Theme for the week – Similarities and differences, unicorn adventures!

We've thoroughly enjoyed our last week of the half term and it was lovely talking to you at parents evening.

Our learning this week

In phonics this week we sang 'Wind The Bobbin Up' and played games to explore sounds, syllables, rhyming and alliteration.

We began the week by reading 'Ten Minutes to Bed Little Unicorn' by Rhiannon Fielding. We talked about the repeated words in the story, the different things the unicorn did in the story, the children's favourite parts and we looked at the map of where the unicorn lived. We talked about what maps are for and also made a story map of the events. Later in the week the children made a map for the unicorn to follow so that she knows how to move around our school. They built different places around our school using various construction blocks. We then showed them how to hold their pen correctly using the pinch and flip method and they all drew a line to show the unicorn how to get from one place to another on the map! There was also lots of unicorn play in their child-initiated learning!

We also read 'Whoever You Are' and 'Happy In Our Skin' and thought about what makes us the same and different to other people. The children looked in a mirror and created a self-portrait, attempting to choose the correct colour for their skin, eyes and hair. They learnt to paint a round shape for the face and began to wash their brush when they changed colour, with a little reminding! They have loved seeing their painting on the wall too! We also played a snap card game, looking at the characters and talking about how they are similar and different. Here the children learnt the rules of the game, how to take turns and we talked about trying not to be upset if we don't win. On Wednesday we were 'Agents of Change' and thought more about how we are the same and different, how it doesn't matter that we are different from each other and that everyone should be treated the same and with kindness. We made our own 'unique' cookies that looked like us!

On Tuesday we went to the farm with year 5. We named, counted and fed the animals. There were three pigs so we read the story of 'The 3 Little Pigs' when we got back. In PE, we continued to work on listening skills and following instructions through various games. We did this PE lesson outside and the children were fantastic listening and following the instructions for each game.

Our maths activities have involved singing lots of number rhymes, encouraging children to join in saying number names forwards and backwards. Finally, we

created a class 'Hand of Trust' to remind the children that the adults on here are people they can talk to if they are feeling sad or worried about something. They can tell them anything because they know them and trust them. We then linked this to privacy and safety when using a computer and how we shouldn't play games or talk to people we don't know on a computer for that very reason.

Finally on Thursday we were lucky enough to join in with the Kapla workshop. We were the first class to begin building the village. We made houses, swimming pools and rooves!

In their child initiated learning the children have loved everything unicorn and fairy related. On Tuesday a little door appeared on the wall and we didn't know if it was a fairy, pixie or unicorn door. Lots of children made cards and wrote messages and put them in a tiny letterbox. When we came into nursery the next day we had been sent some messages back! The door belonged to a fairy and rainbow unicorn! Other children made a town for the unicorns and outside we added a horn to the wooden horses which the children then rode around on.

Next Half Term

After half term we will be starting a new topic called 'Let's Celebrate! – My festivals and celebrations. We will start by thinking about Fireworks Night.

Show and Tell will continue to be on a **Monday**. They can either bring something in or you could put a picture up on Tapestry of what they want to share. It could be something related to our topic, a new skill they've learned, a club they go to, somewhere they've visited, a book they would like to share or something else that they would like to tell everybody about. One request though, please don't send in any toys!

The children will also now be able to pick a book from the class bookshelf and take it home for the week. We will also do this each Monday (or Tuesday/Thursday for those not in on Monday).

We are going to have a Shared Reading session each half term which is an opportunity for you to come in first thing in the morning and read a story or two with your child. We will change the day each half term so that everyone has an opportunity to come. Next half term Shared Reading will be on Monday 16th November from 9 – 9.25am. Also, if you would like to come in and read a story to the class at the end of the morning or end of the day this would be a real treat for the children and it is another way to share with them the joy of reading. Do let us know in the link book if you would like to do this and we can sort a date.

Reminders and requests

- PE will continue to be on a Monday.
- Monday 2nd November - **Reception admissions open online**
- Friday 6th November – The Friends pre-loved uniform drop off

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 super half term!

The Nursery Team







