



Dear nursery school parents and carers,

Welcome to your first newsletter of the new school year. You will receive one of these at the end of each week and it will include

- Important notices, requests, dates and housekeeping
- A summary with photos of the weeks learning
- Plans for the week to come
- Our Poetry Basket poem of the week
- Online links and ideas for home learning

Notice Board

Dates and times:

- Our morning session starts at 8:50am and finishes at 11.50am.
- Our afternoon session starts at 12.30pm and finishes at 3.30 pm

PLEASE ARRIVE PROMPTLY AS THIS HELPS ENORMOUSLY WITH THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE SESSION.

Housekeeping :

- Please **organise payments** and requests for afterschool club, lunch or breakfast club with Alison in our admin team in Reception. These are booked one month in advance and require the correct notice to make changes.
- **Lunch**
Please send necessary the cutlery in your child's lunchbox along with their lunch.

Requests:

- At the start of Autumn, Spring and Summer we ask for a **£10 contribution** from parents and carers. This is a voluntary donation which is used for continuously used cooking and playdough ingredients throughout the year. We will give out envelopes for this donation during next week. Many thanks.
- **Label** all hats, coats, wellies, gloves and anything else you think might become detached!
- Please donate some **fruit or crackers** each week for your child's contribution to "snack time".
- If your child is wearing pull-ups or nappies, please **provide spares** and wipes.
- You can **talk to us** about anything, no matter how big or small. Ask to arrange a meeting or phone call 01608644440 after school, or email.

Important Notices :

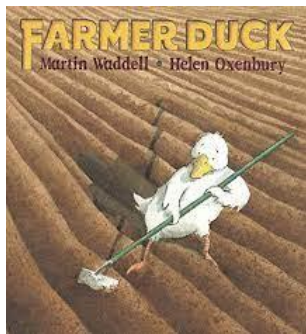
- Our **Covid 19** up to date guidelines will be given out on Monday at the gate. Please make sure you read and follow the guidelines.
- We have children with **peanut and dairy and egg allergies** so please make sure none of these items come into school: as a lunch box item, on your child's face, hands or clothes or in junk modelling donations. Thank you.



Some of this week's learning



We've shared story books, reference books and counting books in our daily group times. Many children wanted to talk about experiences they'd had over the summer holidays. We shared photos and talked about parks, farms, animals and the seaside and this led to all of us doing some group listening games of animal bingo where we identify animal sounds and making animal noises with our own voices. Tuning into and practising listening to environmental sounds is part of our early phonics program. **Please see learning links at the end of this letter to practice this at home.**

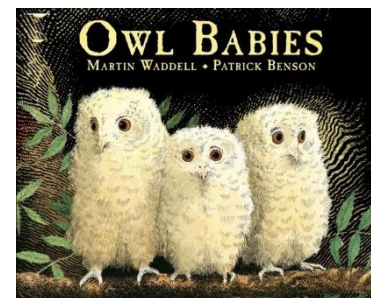


Reading books and talking about them inspire children to take what they have learnt and put new ideas into their play. On this occasion after reading Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell we made small world models of farms: building block enclosures and choosing which farm animals lived there.



Our Core Story this term

Another great book we shared this week by Martin Waddell was Owl Babies. This one always helps with children who are dealing with the relatively new experience of being away from their parents or carers. We shall be developing some planning around this story for the children this term.





We start the year by teaching all our new children how to look after themselves and their nursery school. For example: Using the toilet independently; putting things back after we have played with them; checking if we are hungry or thirsty and how to get snack. When children have felt involved in managing their own day and needs successfully they feel well, safe and free. It was therefore really great to see how easily everyone started dancing when we put some good music on; happy and confident to express themselves through movement.



Meanwhile, outdoors the children's confidence to explore has steadily grown this week. We know that at first saying goodbye to your child at the gate can be difficult, but as they build their confidence, leaving and collecting will become easier and easier. We are all really impressed with how well our new starters have settled this week. There may be a few moments where each child needs support to get over a particular worry or feeling, but we are here to see them and you through these times successfully. They will be happy to come into a garden they love, where they are free to choose and explore. Doing this helps them become resilient and independent learners and develop a love for the outdoors, so dress for the weather and we will continue to start the day in the garden.





This week's Poetry Basket Poem – Our poetry basket programme is a wonderful way of introducing, embedding and enjoying early language. We repeat the week's poem at the start of group times, when we come together as a whole group and in play situations. Perform this three times with actions – ask your child to show you and do it together. It can become a firm favourite at dinner time!



Chop Chop Choppity Chop

Chop Chop Choppity Chop
cut off the bottom
and cut off the top
what's left in the middle we put in the pot
hop chop choppity chop

By the way we found our carrots had grown in the allotment and we copped them up for a very small snack



Poem for next week's Learning

Poetry Basket - Cup of Tea

Here's a cup and here's a cup
and there's a pot of tea
pour a cup
and pour a cup
and have a drink with me.





Online Links for home learning

Press control and click at the same time to follow the links.

The following is from the Twinkle website

- [Environmental Sounds Guide for Parents.pdf](#)
- [Environmental Sounds Home Learning Challenges.pdf](#)

Youtube listening game:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0Kp_J9kvNM

Do remember to supervise your child when playing this game so that you can control your child's online viewing and keep them internet safe.



Have a lovely weekend and see you all next week.

ACE Centre Nursery School Team