



Dear nursery school parents and carers,
This is your third newsletter of term one.

Notice Board

Dates and times:

Our parent teacher consultations cycles begin next week. If your child has had a Focus Observation this week or last week, you will receive it back and book in a telephone conversation to discuss next steps for your child which you can do at home and which we will support your child with at school. The 10 minute time slots for these phone calls will be after school on Thursday and Friday and we will book you in at the start of the week.

- 25.10.21 – 29.10.21 is our autumn half term week
- 1.11.21 is our INSET training day after half term so children return to school on Tuesday 2.11.21
- 20.12.21 - 5.01.22 is our Christmas holidays.
- Children return to school after Christmas on 6.01.22 for the start of Spring Term

Housekeeping :

- Thank you for returning other people's or nursery school belongings that come home with your child by accident. It makes a big difference to keeping our kits and resources in tact.
- Don't forget to label coats, boots, hats, gloves, scarves etc as the weather changes and children start bringing more accessories to keep warm.

Important Notices :

- **Covid19:** Please help our nursery school children, families and staff stay safe while the numbers of cases of Covid19 are very high at the moment in Oxfordshire. If your child is feeling unwell, please check all their symptoms against the latest government lists for Covid19. If any of these symptoms are apparent, please keep your child at home and get a negative PCR test before returning to school. You will need to show us the negative test results on your return. **Please make sure you have a copy of and read the covid 19 updated procedures. If you don't have a copy please ask for one, or you can find it on our school website.**

Requests:

- Thank you for all the £10 voluntary contributions we have so far received. These help us provide ongoing consumable resources for playdough, art and tactile play.
- Please would you help us build up our junk modelling resources. We would like good quality and interesting packaging for the children to paint, stick, join, cut and design with. **This coming week we will be making musical instruments so bottles and tubes as well as strong boxes and plastic straws. Please remember – no egg boxes, and check packaging is clean and free of nuts.**





This week's learning



As you know, we start the session with register. During this time which children are free to enjoy the garden and play in the fresh air. We then get our four colour



flags and blankets ready and ring the cow bell, so the children come down and gather with their key person. They know it's time for reading a carefully chosen book, in their colour group.



This is a super time to talk and connect with their key person and friends. The story and discussion usually inspire more involved child-led experiences, which are supported by teachers. This is when we follow and develop children's own exploration and interests.

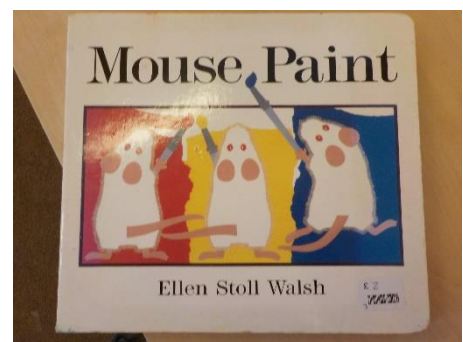
For example, "The Button Box" by Margarete S. Reid led to prolonged investigations of buttons, swirling, sorting,



matching, shaking and counting. We also threaded the buttons and practised cutting.



Colour mixing took root after reading "Mouse Paint" by Ellen Stoll Walsh.



The children had a wonderful time creating their colour pictures. Look out for the display next week.

Our Falling Apples poem was only begun on Friday and we introduced it with an apple tree branch and a basket



of apples. We washed and cut the apples for snack and then some children stayed on to make their own apple trees.



Finishing the week with dancing and more



parachute games was lovely in the beautiful autumn sunshine.



We will continue this week's Poetry Basket Poem on to next week as well to give everyone a chance to learn it properly

Poem for next week's learning

Falling Apples

Here is the tree with leaves so green

Here are the apples that hang between

When the wind blows, the apples will fall.

And here is the basket to catch them all.



Online Links for home learning

This week we were listening to musical instrument sounds and next week we will continue this and make some of our own instruments such as shakes, drums and guitars. Have a look at this link to get some ideas for making instruments at home.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/5-instruments-kids-can-make>



Have a lovely weekend and see you all next week.

ACE Centre Nursery School Team