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Week Ending 19th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another fantastic week in Nursery School! The children were captivated by the windy weather early in the week—some even made their own kites and tested them outdoors. It was a joy to see their creativity take flight!

Creative Explorations: Large-scale mark making has been a big focus, with children chalking outside and collaborating on group paintings with shared intentions. Some children have been busy constructing large ball runs outside, using a variety of materials to test and adapt their designs. It's been wonderful to see them extend their learning through trial and error, teamwork, and creative problem-solving.

Wow Activity: This week's cooking session was a hit! The children made pizza wraps and engaged in rich discussions about their likes and dislikes, explored mathematical ideas like quantity and shape, and practiced safety using tools like knives and cheese graters. We were so proud of their confidence, independence, and focus throughout.

Sensory Fun: This week, the children also enjoyed making playdough from scratch. They measured, mixed, and kneaded the ingredients with enthusiasm, exploring textures and colours along the way. It was a fantastic opportunity to build fine motor skills, practice turn-taking, and engage in meaningful conversations about changes and consistency. The joy of creating something together was evident in their proud smiles—and the playdough has already inspired lots of imaginative play!

Outdoor Adventures: The children have loved exploring Forest School—climbing, balancing, and spotting signs of autumn. The sand pit and mud kitchen sparked imaginative play, with lots of mixing, building, and messy fun that encouraged creativity and teamwork.

Group Time Highlights - We've been singing songs that support our current learning themes:

Maths (Number): Zoom Zoom Zoom We're Going to the Moon and Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

Phonics (Environmental Sounds): I Hear Thunder and Hickory Dickory Dock

These songs help reinforce key concepts in a fun and memorable way.

Song of the Week: Sleeping Bunnies

See the little bunnies sleeping 'til it's nearly noon
Shall we wake them with a merry tune?
They're so still, are they ill?
Wake up soon!

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop
Hop little bunnies, hop and stop!

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Poem of the Week: 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

See if your child can remember the words and actions at home—we had great fun using props to act it out!

We've also been dancing to music—feeling the pulse, moving freely, and expressing ourselves through rhythm and movement. It's been a joyful way to explore sound, coordination, and creativity.

Information & Reminders

Focus Week: Please look out for separate memos for when it is your child's focus week. The week before we will send you an 'All About Me - Update' to fill in and then we will arrange a parent telephone call the week after to discuss shared observations and development. This is also great opportunity for you to share your thoughts and ask any questions you may have.

Snack Contributions: Thank you for your generous weekly donations of fruit and vegetables—they help us offer a varied and healthy snack selection.

Trips to the Coop: This week we are aiming to start taking the children in small groups to visit to the Coop to buy ingredients for our cooking sessions. If you're available to help, please speak to a member of staff. Every child will have a chance to go over the coming weeks. If you'd prefer your child not to participate, just let us know.

Primary School open days and visits: If your child is due to start Primary School in September 2026, please see recent separate memos sent about upcoming open days / visits. With school applications opening up in November it is a good time to go and look around the local schools, get a feel and ask any questions you may have. Once applications are open we will send you more information / links, you will have until January the 15th to make your choices / preferences.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm wishes, The Nursery Team