



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

EYFS NEWSLETTER - April 2022



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to our EYFS Monthly Newsletter. As usual it has been a busy few months pushing on and ensuring children are meeting their developmental milestones. It is a crucial time of the year with children in Nursery finding out their Reception school place and transitions for both Nursery and Reception will begin soon. We will ensure we give you this information with time to hand.

It is also a time where learning is at a crucial stage and we want our children to make the most progress before they end their year in their current class. This is where you will see a big push on phonics, reading, writing and maths in the homework. Please help your child and speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or questions. We are always happy to help.

Have a look below at our learning achieved in Quarter 3.

Learning in Nursery

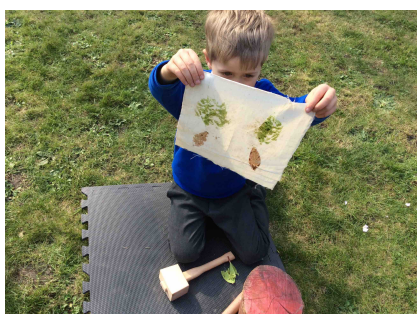


Children in Nursery have been working on letter formation alongside learning their sounds.

We have really enjoyed making patterns and creating repeating patterns as we count.

The weather is getting better and we have had lots of fun playing outdoors!

Learning in Reception



Children in Reception have been busy this month, creating Hapazome art, which is Japanese artwork using leaves and flowers to create a pattern on material.

The teacher explained and modelled the process for the children. They carefully choose their leaves and looked for different sizes and colours. They enjoyed observing the colours emerge through the material as they hammered the cloth. These are some of the comments they made: "I have big leaves with red." "Look at the colours".

Children have also closely observed changes of state and matter in different ingredients such as corn flour.

Quarter 4: What can I investigate?

Our new quarter started on Monday and our BIG Question is,

‘WHAT CAN I INVESTIGATE?’

Children in Reception will get the opportunity to be curious learners about life cycles and how things change over time. We will be investigating how to grow our own fruits and vegetables from seeds and how new change comes about. We will pay particular focus on changes to the seasons and explore the natural world around us. We understand that the UK is different to other countries around the world and we will be drawing comparisons to Africa and the natural world of Africa. The children will have the opportunity to explore different subjects like drought and endangered animals and how our world is changing very quickly. Children will learn how to preserve the earth and the steps we need to take as responsible citizens to make the world a better place to live for the future generations.

Children in Nursery will also be looking closely at the changing seasons around them and the natural world. We will be making trips to the local park and to the farm to see how different animals and plants grow. Children will begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.

Home Learning Projects

Home Learning Projects will be launching next week, this gives you the opportunity to really get involved in some of the learning for this quarter and help your child be creative in producing something they would like to share with their class. The class teachers will be giving further information over the next weeks..

THANK YOU SO MUCH

Reading Books

We really value our books!

Please note that all books that are given to children for reading must be kept with care in their blue reading book bag. **There are many children who are not returning their books to school.** As you can imagine, this is one of the most expensive costs to the school and it simply cannot continue in this economic climate. Books are expensive to replace and therefore, any books not returned in two weeks will incur a cost to the parents. Without books being returned, other children cannot access the books and therefore won't get the opportunity to access a wide range of books.

If you have any questions, please note that you can call the school and an appointment will be arranged for us to discuss any questions or concerns with the class teachers or a member of the Senior Leadership team.



Mrs Laskar (AHT for Early Years)

‘COME AND PROBLEM-SOLVE’ ZOOM PARENT SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD

Please feel free to join these sessions and share your experiences with the group.

These sessions aim to increase your understanding of your child's strengths, behaviours and needs, as well as giving you helpful tips and strategies to try out.

PARENT SESSION	DATE AND TIME	LINK FOR BOOKING
<u>Communication and Behaviour</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to identify and understand the reasons for your child's challenging behaviours - How to support your child to regulate and express their feelings 	Friday 18th June 10:00 – 11:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/communication-and-behaviour-tickets-167282696047?aff=ebdsoporgprofile
<u>Supporting your child's independence</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using everyday tasks... 	Tuesday 3rd May 13:30- 15:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-your-childs-independence-tickets-168590674245?aff=ebdsoporgprofile
<u>Using visuals to help communication</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exploring how you can help your children express their needs and wants using visual support e.g. Core vocabulary boards 	Monday 9th May 13:30 – 15:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/using-visuals-to-help-communication-tickets-168591863803?aff=ebdsoporgprofile
<u>The Importance of Play – Level 2</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For families to be shown and share some simple and everyday play activities that can support your child's learning, development and communication - For parents of children who are using some words 	Thursday 2nd June 10:00 – 11:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-importance-of-play-level-2-tickets-168592678239?aff=ebdsoporgprofile