

Friday 21st September 2018

Dear Parents,

Our learning this week

We started the week by sharing Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and discussed the feelings of the Owls - Sarah, Percy and Bill. Within child-initiated sessions this week, the children really enjoyed building



tree houses, creating owl prints and developing narratives using the owl and finger puppets. They have also thoroughly enjoyed weighing, measuring and counting ingredients to create delicious mud dishes such as fairy soup, fir cone pie and conker surprise in our mud kitchen. The children have also shown a real interest in music and set up their own band in our playground area using the crates, mud kitchen pots, pans and wooden sticks! Next week, we are going to explore this further, building on the children's fascination with the sounds of different instruments and the beat of the music.



On Tuesday morning, we had a lovely time picking apples from our School orchard. The children demonstrated such great teamwork and resourcefulness throughout. They decided that they would need a ladder to reach the highest apples in the trees and plenty of baskets to collect and carry them back to the classroom. They couldn't believe how many apples we picked. We washed and tasted the apples then created apple owls for our afternoon snack using raisins, apricots, apples and cocktail sticks to hold them together.



On Wednesday, the children were delighted to find that a frog was living in our mud kitchen. It took Mrs Burrows rather by surprise! The children closely observed the frog and then practised

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their frog jumping skills in our playground. We took the frog back to the School pond and released it where we thought it would be much happier.

Literacy

The children are now in full swing of their Read Write Inc. Phonics sessions and establishing the key routines. Thanks to all of you that came to the RWI workshop yesterday. If you couldn't make it, Mrs Swinburne has placed the presentation on our website in the curriculum section & Phonics.



You will find a green pocket book of set 1 sounds in your child's reading folder this week. The book contains the sound, picture and handwriting phrase for all set 1 sounds. Please ensure your child practises reading the sounds in the book at home to support their learning in School. So far, we have taught the sounds m,a,s,d,t,n,p,i,g,o.

Resources

We would be grateful for donations of clean yoghurt pots, glass jars with lids, small cardboard boxes or kitchen roll tubes to replenish the stocks in our creative and investigation areas. We also would like some wooden spoons and old sauce pans or pan lids to use in our new outdoor music area. Please bring into Reception class on Monday morning at 8.50am or alternatively at breakfast club.

Twitter

Please follow us @JCAWakefield. We regularly update our twitter feed with photos of children throughout the week.

Mrs Ward

Many of you may have noticed Mrs. Ward's absence. Mrs.Ward has had a big operation that she has been waiting for and is recovering now in hospital. Mrs. Ward will hopefully be back in

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approximately 6 weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery. In the meantime, Mrs. Smith, who already works in Reception has taken on additional days , alongside Mrs. Rex to cover her absence. Your child has not been affected by this, as we have ensured consistency.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars, Mrs Ward, Mrs Smith and Mrs Rex

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