

Reception Class Newsletter – 23rd October 2015

We have had another busy week and I can't believe half term is here already! Thanks to everyone who was able to come on our nature walk along Meerlake Way last Friday. Luckily any rain held off and we had a lovely walk. We were out for about 2 hours so the children all did brilliantly! We collected lots of interesting things, including a golf ball! I was impressed by how well they did.

As well as talking about the walk, we have been drawing and making maps either on paper or in 3D.

We used some of the collected autumn objects to help us with our shape work. Perhaps you could make a circle from conkers or a triangle from twigs? Thank you to everyone who has brought in interesting items they have collected whilst out and about. This week we had a super birds nest from Harry, tomatoes from Keeley, chillies and apples from Issie, conkers from Bethany and a whole bag of things collected by Ellie. We used some of the materials we collected for some autumn leaf prints and some brilliant Autumn inspired weavings. After reading the story 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert we used the natural materials to make pictures of leaf people, animals and birds. We continued to enjoy lots of Julia Donaldson stories this week as she is our featured author. Today we have been singing some new songs written by her based on the story of 'Stick Man' and a fun action song called 'I've got a ball of pastry'.

The children are still requesting 'Funny bones' stories so we have enjoyed listening to those too. We played a game and used our sense of smell to guess different smells with most children correctly identifying coffee, mint, lemon and chocolate! We also enjoyed smelling, and tasting, the delicious gingerbread as we made gingerbread men on Tuesday, eating them for snack.



Our new sounds in Read Write Inc this week are e, l and h. We have been focusing on blending a lot this week as there are a lot of children who are getting a step closer to bringing a reading book with simple words in. Well done everybody!

Congratulations to our new stars of the week Thomas and Bethany and to Jessica A and Jacob C who got to eat their lunch on our special VIP table today. I also awarded two stars for last week to Oscar and Harry, but couldn't share that until our stars assembly today!

We hope everyone has an enjoyable half term break; the children have certainly earned it! Many thanks for all your support this half term,
Mrs Rogers, Mrs Newbould and Miss Kirby

