

Dear Parents and Carers,
Our First Full week at school!
15th – 19th September 2025



EYFS Weekly
Newsletter
Autumn Term 1

Vocabulary explored through Story Dough: woods, curiosity, medium, cottage, compare, angry, disappointed.

Other Key vocabulary : personal space, respect, journey, phoneme, grapheme, celebrate, imagination.

This week, our learning was based around the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

In Story Dough, we used playdough to explore and describe Goldilocks' appearance. On day two, we discussed the setting of the story, created trees, and named the key parts of a tree. We then linked the story to maths by comparing and ordering objects by size, and the children made fantastic bowls with the dough. During Adventure Time, the playdough was used to imagine places where the three bears might move to. The children's creativity was inspiring—ideas ranged from Iceland (including a wonderful Icelandic flag made from red and blue playdough), to a park, a zoo, a beach in Menorca, and even different planets! Finally, the children made a new character to visit the bears in their new home. We have loved orally retelling the story using a range of resources, and the children can recall many of the phrases from the story.

The children also enjoyed their first visit to the pupil kitchen to make porridge. Many full bowls were eaten, with plenty of requests for more!

Throughout the week, we have been drawing bears, practising handwriting patterns, finding out facts about bears, and building chairs, beds, and houses for the three bears.

In addition, we started our first week of the Reception Phonics programme. The children have been very receptive and proud of their achievements—and rightly so.

The children have adapted well to being part of a group of 30 and are beginning to make lots of new friends. Many members of staff have commented on how settled and engaged the children are when they walk through the setting.

Kindness has been a focus in our PSHE curriculum. We have dedicated one of our display boards in the cloakroom to celebrate kindness, and the children have been thinking about how we are kind to each other and explored key vocabulary. Please let us know your child's acts of kindness at home.

Next week, our learning will be based on the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt.

Dates for your diary

We will be going for a walk to the station on Tuesday 7th October linked to our text that week titled 'The train ride'. If you have a DBS check and would be willing to help. Please let us know.

Show and Tell

On Friday 26th September we will start doing Show and Tell with the children, which is always very popular! If your child would like to bring something of interest in from home to share with their peers, then there will be this opportunity each Friday. Please ensure the item fits inside your child's bag.

Please ensure all of your child's uniform and items such as lunchboxes, snack pots and water bottles are clearly named. If you have any questions at all, please contact us. Many thanks The EYFS Team