

Dear Parents and Carers,
Our second full week at school!

22nd – 26thth September 2025



EYFS Weekly
Newsletter
Autumn Term 1

Vocabulary explored through Story Dough: scared, exciting, meadow, bedraggled, petrified, exciting, treacherous.

This week, our learning was based around the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen.

Story Dough: We explored and described the bear's appearance using playdough: "One shiny wet nose, two big furry ears, two big googly eyes." On the second day, we discussed the setting and created different parts of the story with coloured dough. During Adventure Time, the children imagined different characters the family might have met in the cave.

Music: The children enjoyed their first music lesson with Mr Connolly. Their echo performance of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* was amazing, and Mr Connolly was very impressed.

Personal Development: We linked the story to our own experiences and emotions, sparking rich dialogue and fantastic vocabulary. The children especially enjoyed going on their own 'bear hunt' around the field on Friday.

Maths: This week, we introduced subitising – recognising the number of objects in a small set without counting. We explored both perceptual subitising (up to about 3 objects) and conceptual subitising (seeing sub-groups within a larger set, e.g. recognising 6 as "two 3s"). Children were exposed to many different arrangements to support their learning.

PSHE: Our three school rules – Staying Safe, Aiming High, and Being Respectful – have been a focus. We have created a display board in the cloakroom to support the children's understanding and to help establish these expectations.

Reading: The children have brought home their first *Little Wandle* reading book today and will bring home a new one each Friday. Please ensure the book is returned on Monday so it can be reallocated.

Thank you to those who attended the Phonics Workshop on Monday. A PDF version of the PowerPoint is available on the EYFS class page of the school website.

Next week, our learning will be based on the story *Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchins.

Dates for your diary

- Walk to the station on Tuesday 7th October.
- EYFS parent consultations 6th and 8th October 3:30pm to 5:30pm. (You will be invited to select a 10 minute appointment time.)
- EYFS Stay and Play – 13th, 14th and 15th October.

Show and Tell

The children really enjoyed Show and Tell on Friday and showed excellent listening skills. If your child would like to bring something of interest from home to share with their peers, 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