

Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 9th October 2020

Nursery

This week in Donaldson class we have been focussing on families. At the beginning of the week we read *Who's in My Family?* by Robie H. Harris to introduce the concept of families and considered different types of families. After reading the text, we talked about our own families and the people they are made up of. The children enjoyed building towers out of multilink cubes to show how many people live in their home, estimating whether they have more or less people living in their home than their friends', comparing their towers with their friends' towers and finally calculating the amount of people who live in their home. They practised name recognition and writing in their own home booklet and drawing pictures to represent each person who lives in their home. We have also listened to various nursery rhymes and practised following the beat. The children have enjoyed exploring activities on offer, both inside and outside the classroom independently this week, including searching for numbered squirrels in rainbow rice; making sandcastles in the sandpit; sharing books in the reading garden and exploring the small world jungle animals. Please remember to email any family and pet photos to me to add to our home corner display: ichavaudret-rainfray@templegroveacademy.com



Reception

This week in Reception we have been discussing Autumn and the signs we can see during this season. We have been out on Autumn walks in the school grounds, where we saw lots of coloured leaves, conkers, acorns and chestnuts, as well as berries. We were very keen to see a squirrel but need to keep looking for that one! We started phase two sounds in Phonics and this week have covered the sounds s, a, t and p. Your child will have brought home some sheets with these sounds on. These are so you know what sounds we have been learning in school and they do not need to come back to school. Please practise spotting and reading these sounds at home or you might like to play I-spy using the beginning sounds of words. Please remember water bottles should have water in them, not squash and we are trying to leave bags at home in these current times. We know this is tricky, but hope the reading folders will help for school diaries!

