

Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 23rd October 2020

Nursery

This week in Donaldson class we shared the picture book *The Colour Monster* by Anna Llenas and explored the key feelings and emotions that featured in the text – happiness, sadness, anger, fear, calm and love. The children enjoyed listening to different pieces of classical music and discussing the affect each piece had on our bodies - the way each piece made us move and feel - we all agreed that Chopin's Waltz in D Flat Major op.64/1 made us feel happy!

In Maths, we have been learning about common 2D shapes – squares, triangles, circles and oblongs (rectangles) and sticking to the monster theme, we created our own shape monsters.

Other activities the children have enjoyed this week include freeing the dinosaurs who had been tied up in a contest of king of the dinosaurs, exploring capacity with rainbow chickpeas, practising cutting skills using leaves and exploring rhyme.

It's been a very busy and successful term. We wish you a restful and fun break and look forward to Term 2.



Reception

It has been another busy week in Reception and the children have definitely earned the upcoming holiday, there are a few tired faces! This week we have been enjoying the autumn leaves and talking about what sounds they make. Outside we have been busy playing simple large scale board games working on our counting skills and turn taking. We have also had a lot of fun building an obstacle course together and testing our balancing skills. This week in phonics we have learnt the sounds g, o, c and k. Please keep practising these at home, perhaps you could play spot the sounds whilst out and about or in a book at home. We are continuing to work on our blending skills, so we can put these sounds together to read words. Please can you ensure your child has their reading book in school on their reading day. In maths we have been focusing on the numbers 1,2, and 3. We have looked at the different representations of these numbers, including five-frames, dots, tally marks, Numicon pieces. The children have been on number hunts within the classroom and have also practised accurately counting objects. What numbers can you find at home? Have a lovely half term with your families and enjoy some well earned rest!

