

Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 17th September 2021

Nursery

It's been delightful to welcome all the children to nursery – both old and new. The children who started with us during the last academic year have settled back in beautifully, they have also not only been great role models for the new starters but extremely welcoming. Over the last two weeks emphasis has been placed on helping the children settle into and explore the nursery environment, revisiting learning routines and expectations, and building relationships - with us and other children. Our learning journey for this term is 'Marvellous Me'. The children have discussed their favourite things and hopes for adulthood – we have had some wonderful responses, from train drivers to police officers, clowns to doctors - what an aspirational little group we have! They've also enjoyed lots of painting – self-portraits and pictures of what we hope to be when we are grown up. The weather has been glorious, and the children have particularly enjoyed exploring the outdoor environment - riding the bikes and trikes, climbing up the climbing frame, going down the slide, playing with the musical instruments, construction in and out of the sand pit and experimenting with various different water toys. Looking forward to a year of happy days!

Thank you to those of you who have sent in family photos to display in our home corner. Please email any family photos to ichavaudret-rainfray@templegroveacademy.com. We are hoping to start sharing our 'Marvellous Me' boxes from Friday 24th September.



Reception

It has been a pleasure getting to know all of the children over the last three weeks - we have been exceptionally busy in Jeffers class. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been focusing on making friends, exploring our new classroom and the activities available, learning new routines and class rules and listening to each other without calling out. Our topic this half term is 'Me, Myself and I'. We have had some wonderful circle time sessions, talking about who we live with, our favourite things to do and aspirations for the future, one child said they hope to become an elf when they are older, so they can help Santa make all the presents! The children have loved being outside; Jeffers class are definitely an outside bunch. The new mud kitchen has been a huge hit with the children and they have loved creating mud pies and nature soup, and experimenting with the different textures of mud. We have been exploring how mud changes if you add water and sand to it. As always, scooters and bikes have been a big favourite in Jeffers class. The children have even been writing their names on the chalkboard and setting a timer for turn taking, which has been lovely to see. We cannot wait to see what the rest of year brings!

