

Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 24th September 2021

Nursery

We come to the end of week three and are so impressed with not only how well the children are settling into nursery and getting to know their classmates but also with how smart they all look!

This week, we discussed the importance of rules for keeping us all safe and happy and enabling us to learn. We vowed to use kind hands, feet and voices; to listen to each other; to share and take turns; to take care of one another and our classroom; and, to work together. In phonics, we have been focussing on environmental sounds and honing our awareness of sounds around us. We went on a walk around the school grounds listening for sounds around us. In maths, we've focused on number recognition and reciting numbers to 4. We've enjoyed daily stories of the children's choosing and read the beautifully illustrated book *Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn* by Kenard Pak – after which we discussed the changes we would see and feel as the season moves from Summer to Autumn. The children have enjoyed numerous activities this week but particularly favoured mark making in shaving foam, making mud pies and cakes in our new mud kitchen, exploring numbers, free-painting and exploring playdough and loose parts. Looking forward to the week ahead! Thank you to those of you who have sent in family photos to display in our home corner. Please remember to email any family and pet photos to me to add to our home corner display: ichavaudret-rainfray@templegroveacademy.com and to bring in your child's 'Marvellous Me' boxes.



Reception

We have had such an amazing week this week. The children have really got stuck into the learning that has been taking place and they have been trying hard to follow the class rules.

This week we have been learning to recognise numerals as well as count out objects from a larger group. They have particularly enjoyed the Number Block episodes to consolidate number recognition and counting. We are still practicing our listening and attention skills and the children have progressed so well. We have enjoyed some games such as the 'Jellybean' game to reinforce good listening.

Jeffers class found an amazing discovery this week. After a group of children built a pirate ship, they came across a hidden treasure box. It contained loads of different shells and treasures from around the world. The children loved exploring this box with the magnifying glasses as well as including it in their pirate play. Jeffers class have also loved learning in the garden. This week we have had musical instruments for dancing, dinosaurs in the small world tyres and tea making in the water. Just a reminder that Forest School starts on Tuesday 28th September 2021 and the children are excited.

We cannot wait to see what next week brings!

