

Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 8th October 2021

Nursery

This week in Donaldson class we have explored the change in season from Summer to Autumn. After reading the beautifully illustrated stories *Goodbye Summer*, *Hello Autumn* by Kenard Pak and *Leaf Man* by Lois Elhert, we went on a welly walk searching for signs of Autumn and collected different coloured leaves, conkers and sticks which we have used throughout the week to create Autumn themed artwork. In phonics, we have continued to focus on environmental sounds and tuning into sounds. The children enjoyed taking turns to play the role of the rescuer in the game *Teddy is lost in the jungle and guiding each other* by singing louder as the rescuer got closer to the teddy. In maths we have continued to focus on counting. We've also looked at colour this week – the children had lots of fun moving around the hall in different ways – skipping, hopping, jumping, and then running to a colour splat when the colour was shouted out. At the start of the week we were very excited to receive a visit from the school gerbils, Shadow and Whisper and talked about how we can care for our pets. We have two more weeks left of this term, please remember to email any family and pet photos to me to add to our home corner display: jchavaudret-rainfray@templegroveacademy.com and to bring in your child's 'Marvellous Me' boxes.



Reception

We were extremely excited this week when we had some visitors come and stay. We were lucky enough to be in charge of looking after the school gerbils Shadow and Whisper. We have learnt all about how to care for them, what they eat, how they live and we have all been trying very hard to try and be as quiet as we can, as they only have small ears! During phonics we have been learning new sounds. The sounds we have learnt so far are 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'l' and 'n'. We have also been learning news words such as segment (breaking the words up into their single sounds) and blend (read) to help us with reading different words. The weather wasn't very good on Tuesday and when we came into our garden there were huge puddles covering the floor, so we as a team decided to make some bridges to help us cross over to the other side. It was great fun. We designed them and then got to work to construct them, so that everyone could cross to the other side without getting their shoes wet. As you can see another busy week in Jeffers class.

Just a reminder that the phonics workshop for parents will not be going ahead until January 2022.

