



# Temple Grove Academy

## Tunbridge Wells

### Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 2021 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### Nursery

This week in Donaldson class we have been focussing on differences between ourselves and our families. At the beginning of the week we read 'We are all different' and considered what makes us different from one another such as the length and type of hair we have; the colour of our eyes and skin; the languages we speak; our likes and dislikes. We then 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. In maths, 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.

In phonics, we have continued to focus on environmental sounds and tuning into sounds. The children enjoyed making different sounds using beaters outside – they explored making different sounds on wood, metal and plastic. The children have enjoyed numerous activities this week but particularly favoured searching for Numicon in goo; exploring texture and making collages out of various materials; and building obstacle courses outside. Next Tuesday we are planning an Autumn walk around the school grounds so would be grateful if you could provide your child with a pair of named welly boots.

Please remember to email any family and pet photos to me to add to our home corner display: [jchavaudret-rainfray@templegroveacademy.com](mailto:jchavaudret-rainfray@templegroveacademy.com) and to bring in your child's 'Marvellous Me' boxes.



#### Reception

We have had another amazing week this week in Jeffers class.

Monday morning we came into what can only be described as a huge mess!! It turns out The Little Red Hen had paid us a visit because she was so desperate for us to read her story. We have created actions to help us tell the story as well as a story map to help us remember.

We have also been learning all about how to stay healthy and how to keep our teeth healthy. A lot of Jeffers class thought they had to brush their teeth 7 times a day, but when they found out it was only morning and night they sighed with relief! We have been using our 5 senses this week when we had the opportunity to taste different fruit. We found out that the grapefruit was very sour, but the mango was juicy and sweet!

Unfortunately, this newsletter is not long enough to share the other amazing things that have been going on in Jeffers class. We have been recognising and writing our names, we had a fantastic time in Forest school, we have been practicing and recognising our numbers to five and experimenting with soft pastels and oil pastels to create some autumn art. So much amazing learning to share!

