



EYFS Newsletter - Friday 16th October 2026

Ambition Belonging Courage

Drawing club -

This week we have looked at our first book, *Handa's Surprise*. This text also lent itself to our talks around Black History month and celebrating differences and things that make us special. The children have loved looking at different countries, and animals that might live in different parts of the world. The children have enjoyed using our story tuff trays to retell the story of Handa's surprise. The children have been using the new vocabulary words (stealing / empty / tasty) when they have been telling the story to a friend.

In our Drawing Club books this week the children have had a go at drawing both the character and the setting of the story. This was our first week doing 2 pieces of work in our books. The children really enjoyed this challenge.

Ask me about ...

Our new role play school in the Learning Garden.
How Fred frog helps us to learn to blend.
Our visit to the book nook on Thursday.

Maths -

This week we have extended our number knowledge by looking at the number 3. The children have enjoyed hunting for groups of three. They have been able to explain that it is three because it could be in the shape of a triangle, or there is a group of 2 and then 1 more.

The children have loved learning our number rhymes, and they have been really developing their concentration while they have been attempting to record the numerals. We have also played the game, 3 or not 3. The children have had to think fast to show on their fingers whether they believe it is three or not. We have then explained our thoughts to our talk partners.

Key dates:

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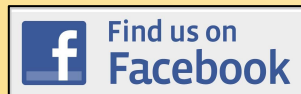
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How to help at home...

Scissor skills - Continue to practise cutting skills, this is a skill that takes a lot of time and practise. Perhaps you could draw a picture and your child could have a go at cutting it out.

Name writing - At parents evening you would have all received a pack, within this there is your child's name card. Please could you practise this at home. Your child's name is the most important thing they will learn to write as it belongs to them.

Sharing stories - Don't forget to share stories at bedtime if you can. Developing that love of literature is wonderful!

In Our classrooms this week -

The children have really enjoyed developing their cutting and sticking skills.

They have been cutting out different fruit pictures to make their own fruit basket. We have also had lots of conversations around which fruits we like, and those that we had never heard of before, such as, guava.

We have also explored doing observational drawings of fruits. We have looked at what a shape looks like on the outside, and then cut them open and explored the insides. The children then attempted with pencils to draw the whole fruit and the cross section of the fruit. The children were really good at noticing small details.

"The tangerine is bumpy all over."

"The lemon on inside has a circle of yellow and then a circle of white around the outside."

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