

HEDGEHOGS NEWSLETTER



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We've had such a fun-filled week at nursery, keeping busy both inside and out! The children's imaginations have really shone through, from hosting tea parties and picnics in our home area to making drum kits and forming their own bands with all sorts of bits and pieces around the nursery.

The highlight of the week was one big nursery adventure, where together we created our very own aeroplane out of chairs. With a pilot at the front and a map of the world to guide us, we set off on our travels!



Our first stop was Australia, where we visited the beach and spotted kangaroos and koalas, before flying on to Africa, where the children were especially excited to see some giraffes.

This amazing experience grew directly from the children's play and interests where one child building a plane with the construction led to the whole class being engaged in a shared story. It was so lovely to see their creativity, teamwork, and joy come together in this way.



EXPLORE, LEARN AND DISCOVER!

This week we have continued to focus on the importance of working together as a team and remembering that we all look after each other at nursery. We've been talking lots about following instructions, taking turns, and using our listening ears to help make sure everyone feels happy and safe. It has been wonderful to see these skills shining through in the children's play – from working together on puzzles to joining in with games, there have been so many lovely moments of cooperation and kindness.



Another focus for us at nursery has been building the children's independence skills. We encourage the children to "have a go" themselves with everyday tasks, and it would be wonderful if you could support this at home too. Below, we've noted a few simple opportunities where independence can be encouraged – small steps that make a big difference in helping children grow in confidence and self-belief.

Putting on coats.

Putting on shoes.

Putting coats and bags on pegs.

Washing and drying their own hands.

Using a knife and fork to cut up food.



Although it might feel a little early, this week we finished off our Christmas cards! The children were given two designs to choose from and had lots of fun using their hands and paint to create some lovely keepsakes for you to treasure. Order forms with instructions have already been sent out – please make sure these are returned to us by next week so we can get everything organised in time.



We've had a bit of a mix-up with our snacks at nursery recently – and the children have really enjoyed it! For morning snack, fruit is always on offer, with the type changing from day to day depending on our school delivery. In the afternoons, we like to vary things throughout the week, offering a selection of tasty options such as crackers, breadsticks, cucumber, hummus, cheddar cheese, soft cheese, and yoghurts. The children have loved the variety and it's been lovely to see them trying different foods.

On our Inset day at the beginning of the week, we had a wonderful opportunity to spend time together as a team, reflect on what the children enjoy most, and discuss how we can continue to develop our nursery environment. We were also very lucky to have a visit from a representative from Citizens Advice, who shared lots of useful information about the ways they can support families with different aspects of life. You can find out more on their website below, but please do also feel free to come and speak to any member of our team if you would like further information.

<https://citizensadvicewinchester.org.uk/>

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 24th October - Last day before half term

**HAVE A LOVELY WEEKEND
SOPHIE AND THE TEAM**