



HEDGEHOGS NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

We have had a fun-filled week in Nursery! Although the weather hasn't felt particularly summery, our theme this week has been Summer, and we have enjoyed thinking ahead to all the exciting things the season brings. The children have been talking about the clothes we might wear, the activities we might do, places we might visit, foods we might eat and the different types of weather we often see during the summer months. It has been wonderful to hear their ideas and experiences and the theme has sparked lots of engaging conversations and imaginative play throughout the week.



The children have loved painting this week, but in a slightly different way! We filled a tuff tray with green leaves and encouraged the children to explore a variety of creative techniques. They could choose whether to paint pictures of leaves on paper, paint directly onto the leaves themselves, use the leaves for printing, or even use the leaves instead of paintbrushes to create their own artwork. The children were fascinated by the different marks, strokes and patterns the leaves made and enjoyed experimenting with the various textures and effects. It was a wonderful activity for encouraging creativity, curiosity and exploration through art.





The children also really enjoyed exploring our playdough station this week. Using flowers, petals and leaves, they created a variety of patterns, pictures and imaginative creations in the playdough. The children enjoyed pressing the natural materials into the dough to make different marks and textures, as well as using them to decorate their models. This was a fantastic activity for developing their creativity and imagination, while also strengthening the fine motor skills needed for early writing.

Our children who will be leaving us to start Reception in September have had the opportunity this week to visit Squirrels Class. This is something we will now be doing every week to help support their transition into school. The children will visit in a variety of ways, including in small groups, pairs, as a whole Nursery group, during times when the current Reception children are in class and also when the classroom is empty.

We know that the transition from Nursery to Reception is a very important milestone, and we will do everything we can to help the children feel confident and excited about this next step. For those children who will be moving on to a different school, we have already been in contact with their new settings and have arranged transition meetings so that we can meet with their new teachers and ensure a smooth and positive move for every child.

Next week is Wellbeing Week, and we will be spending time thinking about our emotions and feelings, as well as exploring ways we can look after ourselves and support our wellbeing. We have some exciting activities planned throughout the week. On Wednesday, a small farm will be visiting Oliver's Battery, giving the children the opportunity to meet and learn about a variety of animals. Then, on Thursday afternoon, we will be taking part in the Colour Run. Please refer to the separate email that has been sent out for full details about this event. We are looking forward to a fun-filled week with lots of opportunities for learning, discussion and enjoyment!

HAVE A LOVELY WEEKEND

SOPHIE AND THE TEAM