



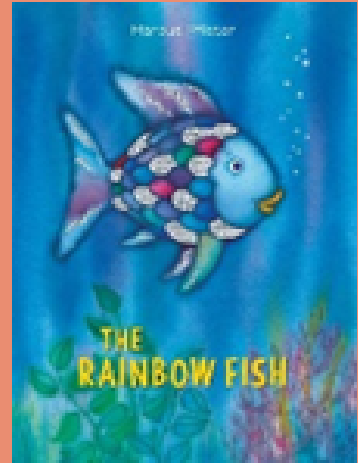
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HEDGEHOGS NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Kindness and Taking Turns

This week in nursery, we have been thinking about friendship, turn-taking and sharing. We enjoyed reading *The Rainbow Fish* and took part in some fun circle games to practise taking turns, including rolling a ball to each other and passing a smile around the circle! The children also got creative by making their very own friendly monster, before taking turns to feed it. Through these playful activities, we have been learning about being kind, sharing with others and building positive friendships.





Exploring Autumn and Woodland Wildlife

This week, we have started to think about the changing seasons and the changes we can see around us. At Forest School, we noticed how the colours of the leaves are changing and how they are beginning to fall from the trees. We also talked about what the animals in our woodland might be doing at this time of year, including squirrels collecting nuts and hedgehogs finding plenty of food to build up their energy before hibernation.

The children had lots of fun playing a game called 'Hibernating Hedgehogs'. Everyone curled up, closed their eyes and pretended to be a sleeping hedgehog while one child was hidden under a blanket. The rest of the group then had to guess which little hedgehog was hiding! Later, we got creative by making our own hedgehog collages using crayons and real leaves, combining our artistic skills with our exploration of the natural world.





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Maths at Home: Learning Through Everyday Routines

As part of our Maths Champion programme, we'll share a simple maths activity each week linked to our learning in Nursery.

This week, we're exploring how maths is part of everyday life. Here are some easy ways to practise at home:

- Counting: Count stairs, toys or steps to the front door.
- Mealtimes: Count plates, cups and spoons. Can everyone have one?
- Getting dressed: Find matching socks or count buttons.
- Snack time: Count pieces of fruit and talk about more, less or the same.
- Bath time: Fill and empty containers. Which holds more?
- Tidying up: Sort toys by colour, size or type.

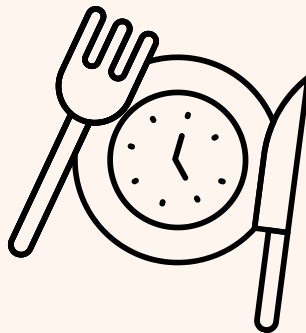
For more ideas, visit [Maths Postcards for Families](#).



This Week's Maths Challenge

Choose one everyday activity and count together! You could count spoons at teatime, socks when getting dressed or toys when tidying up. Have fun counting together, and feel free to share your maths moments with us at Nursery!

Remember: Maths can be fun and easy. Little moments make a big difference!



Oliver's Battery
PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL



Our New Weekly Timetable

After half term, we're making a few changes to our Nursery timetable to give children more opportunities to learn, explore and have fun!

Library Visits – Tuesdays and Fridays

Children will visit the school library to choose a book to enjoy at home. If your child doesn't attend on these days, they can still change their book when they are in Nursery.

Please bring in a named book bag to keep library books safe. When you'd like to change your child's book, simply bring their bag into Nursery.

Book bags are available from [Direct4Logos](#), online or by calling 01794 511 550. They come in all four school house colours.

School Houses

All Nursery children have now been allocated a school house. You'll receive your child's house colour by email, or you can ask a member of the team.

Welly Walk – Wednesdays

We'll get outside and explore on our weekly Welly Walk.

Mighty Muscles – Thursdays

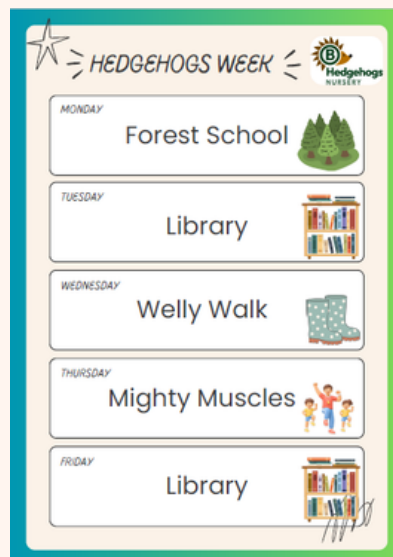
Children will visit the hall to use the equipment and develop their movement and coordination skills.

Phonics for Older Nursery Children

Children who will start school in September 2027 will begin short daily phonics sessions to support their early reading.

There is more information attached and on the school website. I'll also be holding a short information session on Friday 23rd October at 9am.

Thank you for your support!



HEDGEHOGS WEEK	
MONDAY	Forest School 
TUESDAY	Library 
WEDNESDAY	Welly Walk 
THURSDAY	Mighty Muscles 
FRIDAY	Library 

Next Week's Learning: Welcome to Autumn

Next week, our theme is 'Welcome to Autumn'. We will be exploring the seasonal changes happening all around us, noticing the changing colours of the leaves, the falling leaves and how the natural world changes as we move further into autumn.

We will begin the week with our exciting Pumpkin Walk on Monday 19th October! 

A few important reminders:

- Bringing a pumpkin: You are very welcome to bring in your own pumpkin first thing on Monday 19th October and place it beside a cone along the trail.
- Collecting your pumpkin: Please take your pumpkin home between 4.15–4.30pm on Monday, or collect it from the top playground on Tuesday 20th October.

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 Pumpkin donations for Nursery

We would also love your help! If you have found yourself with a few too many pumpkins this year, we would be delighted to use them for sensory play in Nursery, either next week or during the week after half term.

We are only looking for whole, uncarved pumpkins for our activities. Thank you so much for supporting our learning and helping us make the most of this wonderful autumn season!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Maths information session Friday 23rd October 9am
- End of Autumn 1 Friday 23rd October
- Start of Autumn 2 Monday 2nd November



Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy spotting the signs of autumn together! We look forward to another fun-filled week of learning, exploring and discovering with the children.

Warm wishes,

CHARLOTTE AND THE TEAM

