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HEDGEHOGS NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th November

What a wonderful week we've had in Hedgehogs!

This week we have been celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week, and the children have had lots of fun learning, singing and exploring a different nursery rhyme each day. We've enjoyed bringing our rhymes to life through exciting activities, imaginative play and plenty of singing!

Here's a little look at what we've been up to:



🐭 **Monday – Hickory Dickory Dock**
We kicked off our week with the familiar rhyme Hickory Dickory Dock. The children enjoyed exploring the rhyme and joining in with the actions as we sang together around our Forest School Campfire.

🐸 **Tuesday – Doctor Foster**
We had lots of fun with Doctor Foster! The children particularly enjoyed jumping in our imaginary puddles, just like Doctor Foster, and having fun with this playful rhyme.

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🐱 **Wednesday – Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat, Where Have You Been?**
Our welly walk took an exciting turn as the children went on a special hunt around school! We discovered cuddly cats hiding in different places, bringing our nursery rhyme to life. The children loved searching high and low to find them all!



🚣 **Thursday – Row, Row, Row Your Boat**
During our Mighty Muscles session, we used the parachute to create our very own imaginary river. The children worked together to make waves and enjoyed pretending to row their boats along the water.

🐟 **Friday – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive**
We finished our week with lots of fishing fun! The children enjoyed our fishing activities as we sang along to this much-loved counting rhyme.

It has been such a lovely week full of songs, smiles, imagination and learning. The children have done a fantastic job joining in with our rhymes and activities!

📱 You can see some of our nursery rhyme fun over on our Instagram and Facebook pages, so do take a look!



✨ **A Sparkling Start to the Week!**

On Monday, we explored fireworks, talking about the ones we had seen over the weekend. The children enjoyed creating their own firework art using spray bottles filled with paint in Forest School and spreading paint under cling film indoors.

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Maths Champions

Shape, Space and Measure

This week in Maths, we explored shape, space and measure through hands-on play. The children enjoyed building, stacking, completing puzzles and using recycled boxes and tubes to create their own rockets. We also explored mathematical language such as big, small, bigger and smaller as we played.



Maths at Home

Here are some simple ways you can support your child's learning at home:

- **Building together**: Use building blocks, Duplo or empty boxes to build towers. Talk about which tower is taller, shorter, bigger or smaller.
- **Posting and sorting**: Use containers and safe household objects to practise putting items in and taking them out. Talk about things going in, out, on and under.
- **Puzzle time**: Explore simple jigsaws and shape sorters. Encourage your child to turn and rotate the pieces to see where they fit.
- **Big and small**: Gather a few toys and compare their sizes. Can your child find the biggest or smallest one?

Most importantly, have fun exploring together! Everyday play provides wonderful opportunities to develop early maths skills.

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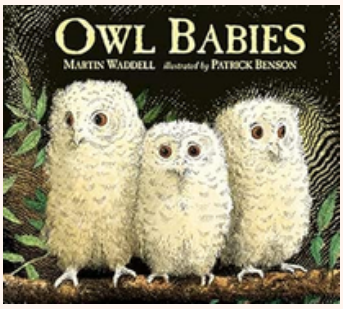
🌞🌙 Day, Night & Nocturnal Delights! 🦉✨

Next week, we will be exploring the differences between day and night, talking about what we see and do at different times of the day. We will also discover some fascinating nocturnal animals and learn about the creatures that come out after while we're tucked up in bed. Our special story of the week is Owl Babies!



In maths, we will practise joining in with repeated phrases in stories, making our own repeating line patterns using objects, and selecting and stacking blocks to build roads and towers.

Starting School in September 2027?

Will your child be 4 before 1st September 2027? It's time to start thinking about their next big adventure! You can now apply for a school place for September 2027 via the Hampshire School Admissions website.

If you would like to book a tour and find out more about what our school has to offer, please get in touch with the office by email (admin@oliversb.com), phone (01962 869496) or pop in. We would love to show you around!

We're looking forward to another lovely week of learning, exploring and having fun together! Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone next week! 💛🌟

CHARLOTTE AND THE TEAM 🦔🍁

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- School Photographer – Individual photos Thursday 19 November 2026
- MHST Emotion Regulation Workshop Tuesday 1 December 2026 9 – 10.30am
- Wreath Making Workshop Friday 11 December 2026
- Nursery Christmas sing-a-long Tuesday 15 December 2026

- INSET DAY Friday 12 February 2027
- INSET DAY Friday 25 June 2027
- INSET DAY Monday 28 June 2027





