



West Ham Church School

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Early Years Foundation Stage

Weekly News Page

Summer 2, Week 3

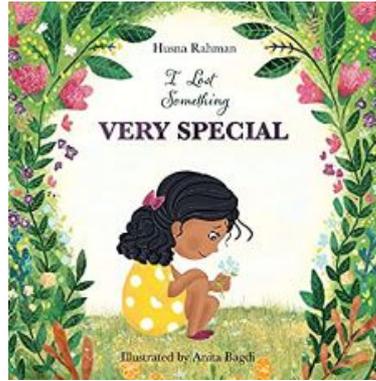
24th June 2022



A note from Mrs. James, Headteacher

Author visit

We are really excited to welcome Husna Rahman, a local author, to our school on Tuesday, 28th June. She will read excerpts from her new picture book about loss and speak about her work as a writer.



Husna's book can be purchased online at: www.amazon.co.uk and she will be happy to sign a copy if your child brings a copy into school.

Holiday home learning

In the past, we have found that children tend to experience dip in their learning over the summer. We are keen for children to continue some home learning activities over the long summer holiday. This will help maintain the progress they have made this year especially as many children have yet to reach the expected level for their age due to the disruption on their education over the last two years.

You can help greatly by ensuring that the children read regularly. We will post home learning activities on google classroom and also some paper homework. We will also send a project book home for some pupils. We appreciate your support, thank you.

EYFS Team

Teachers

Mrs. Rogers & Miss Davis -

Little Owls

Ms Rice - Ladybirds

Miss Upson - Dragonflies

Mrs. Rogers - Phase Leader

Additional Staff

Mrs. Aryal, Mrs. Aziz,

Miss Starling

Prayer Space

*A prayer from the team at
All Saints Church*

Lord God,

Thank you for your kindness and
goodness to us.

Would we remember your Golden
Rule: to treat others as we'd like
them to treat us.

Help us to show kindness and
goodness to those around us every
single day.

Amen

Values

Our school value this
term is

RESPECT

Collective Worship

This week for collective worship, we spoke about how important it was to treat others the way you would want to be treated; "do unto others as you would wish them to do unto you". We thought about how our actions affect others and that we should always try to do the right thing even if it can be challenging for us when someone has done something wrong.

We also considered when we have helped someone selflessly, and that other people might not be aware that we are doing a good deed. In class, teachers spoke about refugee week and how we could be courageous advocates and welcome them within our community.

Little Owls Nursery



This week we have really enjoyed finding out all about pirates. We used this opportunity to use positional language, explaining how to get to the treasure using our maps.

Outside we worked together to create our own pirate ship, talking about the places we were travelling to. The children jumped on the pirate ship enthusiastically, saying "Look at us on our pirate ship!"



In our physical development sessions we have practised our obstacle race to prepare for Sports Day. We found jumping over the hurdles challenging but we kept on trying. It has been great to see the children enjoy gross motor activities outside. Promoting their strength, stamina and coordination.



Next week we are reading a new story called 'Splash, Anna Hibiscus!' The children will begin to discuss family experiences, and learn about different places in Africa.

Forest School

The children continued to be fascinated by the changing weather this week, and enjoyed thinking about the wind, and how different it is when there is a gentle breeze or a strong gust of wind.

Inspired by some of their Story Time Phonics stories, including *The Crunching, Munching Caterpillar*, and *Egg Drop*, they enjoyed exploring the Forest School area trying to find things that could fly, and experimented with throwing and catching different objects. They also enjoyed making paper aeroplanes.



Diary Date: Nursery Graduation



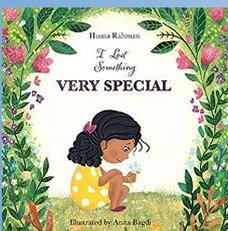
The children in Nursery are starting to get very excited about moving up and starting Reception in September! Graduation will be held at school on **Tuesday 19th July**. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Sports Week

Next week, the children will be completing different activities in preparation for Sports Day. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day, so that they can participate in all the exciting activities!

Please note that the EYFS Sports Day will take place on 1st July, **11:00am** followed by a picnic for EYFS families.

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Home Learning



Little Owls

We have been thinking about other countries. If your child has ever visited another country, or if you are from a different country, please spend time talking about this country to your child. We would love to hear about the different places that are special to the children and their families!

Ladybirds and Dragonflies

This week, the children will be identifying how much each numicon piece is worth, and matching it to a written numeral.

Please encourage your child to talk about the different numicon pieces, and what they notice about them.

Please read with your child every day, and ensure that their reading book is returned to school.

Rhyme Time!

This week's rhyme was

The big ship sails on the
 ally-ally-oh,
 The ally-ally-oh, the ally-ally-oh.
 Oh, the big ship sails on the
 ally-ally-oh
 On the last day of September
 Ally ally oh! Ally oh!
 On the last day of September!



Attendance

The class with the highest attendance in EYFS and KS1 last week was

Hedgehogs

Congratulations!



The Headteacher's Award goes to **Katy** for being an excellent friend and showing compassion for others in her first week at WHCS!



Little Owls: Adam M, for exploring new activities and settling into the nursery routine.

Ladybirds: Sunny, for settling into Ladybirds class and trying his best to learn the class routines.

Dragonflies: Sofia, for trying new things and making new friends.

This Week's Learning





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some of next week's activities

Communication and Language

Focus activity: turn taking in a conversation

The children will use their communication and language skills to make telephones to have conversations with each other.



How do you start a telephone call?

Personal, Social, and Emotional Development (PSED)

Focus activity: regulating emotions

The children will create a calm corner in the garden and identify techniques they can use to help themselves feel calm.

How can you help yourself feel calm?



Understanding the World

Focus activity: features of the seaside

The children will explore the different features of a seaside, and think about why they are there.

What can we see at the seaside?

Mathematics

Focus activity: odd and even numbers

The children will explore number composition, looking at how we can tell if a number is odd or even.

Can you share the counters into two equal groups?

Physical Development

Focus activity: fine motor skills - pincer grip

The children will use their pincer grip to make a pattern from acorns and leaves.

How will you pick up the different objects?

Expressive Arts and Design

Focus activity: designing an underwater creature

The children will make use recycled materials to create their own sea creature models and pictures.

Will your creature have fins or claws?

Literacy

Focus activity: letter writing

The children will explore non-fiction texts to learn more about crabs. They will use this knowledge to write a letter to reassure Little Crab, and help him feel brave as he approaches his big journey into the sea!

How can we reassure Little Crab?

Phonics

This week the children will continue to explore tricker Phase 3 sounds and work on their caption writing skills.

Phonics - Key Words

This week's Phonic Fairy (*high frequency*) words:
now, down

This week's Tricky Troll (*common exception*) words:
some, come





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Communication and Language

Focus activity: commenting on our small world beach scene

The children will be exploring our small world beach scene. We will talk about what we can see on the beach and our own experiences.

What can you see at the beach?



Personal, Social, and Emotional Development (PSED)

Focus activity: talking about different families

Thinking about the different family members in our topic story, we will talk about our own relatives and family members.

Who is in your family?



Understanding the World

Focus activity: Exploring a new country

We will use our globe and photos of different countries to talk about similarities and differences.

Have you traveled to a different country?

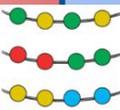


Mathematics

Focus activity: making a repeating pattern

Using different coloured materials we will try to make our own repeating patterns, inspired by Africa.

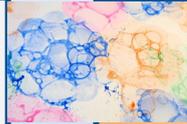
Which colour comes next in your pattern?



Physical Development

Focus activity: using one handed tools
We will be using our fine and gross motor skills to fill, pour and transfer the sand using a range of tools.

Can you fill the bucket without spilling the sand?



Expressive Arts and Design

Focus activity: bubble blowing art

Inspired by the sea, we will be blowing bubbles and splashing paint to create our own piece of art.

Can you splash the paint to make the waves?

Literacy

Focus activity: writing a postcard to Anna Hibiscus



The children will receive a special postcard from Anna Hibiscus, the main character in our new story. The children will be encouraged to make their own postcard to send back to her.

What will you write to Anna Hibiscus?

Phonics

This week's sounds are
ss, j, v, w



Phonics - Key Words

This week's Phonic Fairy (*high frequency*) words:
up, an, back, has
This week's Tricky Troll (*common exception*) words:
the, to, no, I, be





Give a little smile

1. Give a little smile,
Give a little smile,
And be kind to everyone.
It doesn't cost a thing,
It's easy just to bring
A little smile to everyone.

2. Bring a little love,
Bring a little love
And be good to everyone.
It doesn't cost a thing,
It's easy just to bring
A little love to everyone.

3. Give a little help,
Give a little help
And be nice to everyone.
It doesn't cost a thing,
It's easy just to bring
A little help to everyone.

4. Repeat verse 1

You can singalong with the song at home here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYedaETbsBI>