



## Early Years Newsletter: November/December



### Nursery with Mrs Bendall

We have had a very busy few weeks in Nursery! The children enjoyed investigating ice, freeing the dinosaurs within it, using warm water and salt.

Jigsaw puzzles have been extremely popular and the children are now dab hands at finding the corners and edges first, before filling the middles in. We are going to have to get some more challenging ones now, I think.... Many of the children have had lots of fun playing our new board games, following the rules and waiting their turns beautifully. The splashing toilet game has proved particularly popular! We have observed lots of imaginative role-play in our airport/vets/train station/police station, with objects being used in new ways and lots of mark-making involved, such as tickets and labels. Role-play has also ignited a huge interest in numbers, including using the till, phones and calculators, writing numbers and counting money. We have also made salt-dough, teas and coffees (and tea-coffee), built pirate ships outside and changed babies' nappies, among other things!

The Nursery children has a wonderful time watching the Reception Nativity: a huge thank you to the Reception children and adults for putting on such an incredible performance.

### 2Simple Parent Share

Thank you to those of you who have already returned your slips giving permission for your email address to be added to our assessment app, 2Simple, in order for us to send observations of your children to you via email. We hope to get this all set up ready to start sending observations straight after Christmas.



### Reception with Miss Barby

We have also been spotting the signs of Autumn around school. The children loved collecting things on our Autumn walk and have made some lovely leaf animals and leaf rubbings. We have talked about what happens to the trees and animals in autumn.

We have been really inspired by Halloween and have loved creating menus and potions for our Witches kitchen. We also read the stories Pumpkin Soup and Room on the Broom. The children have had a wonderful time exploring and investigating the pumpkins



in different ways to make our own 'Pumpkin Soup'. As part of history week, we have also been learning about Remembrance and why we wear Poppies. The children have really enjoyed using different materials and techniques to make their own poppies.

In Maths we have been continuing to explore numbers, and we have started to count to 100. We have learnt about 2d shapes and their properties and repeating patterns. We are now beginning to move onto addition and partitioning numbers in different ways.



The Early Years Team would like to wish a fond farewell to Mrs Westall, who is leaving the school after many years to undertake a new adventure in Norfolk. She will be hugely missed by staff and children alike and we wish her every happiness in her new life xxx

#### Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of January- INSET Day**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of January- Spring Term starts**

**Thank you so much for all of your support this term.**

**Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing break!**

**The Early Years Team**

(Mrs Bendall, Miss Barby, Mrs Westall, Mrs Hardy, Mrs Bazell, Mrs May, Miss Wright, Miss Sullivan and Mrs Foy)

