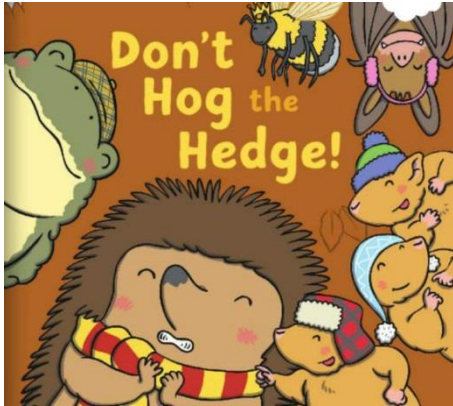


Friday 4th November



We hope you had a good half term holiday. It is good to have the children back in school. Our theme for this half term is 'Woodlands'. This week we were learning about what happens in autumn and we read the story *Don't Hog the Hedge*, which was about caring, sharing and friendship. We learnt that leaves on some trees turn red, orange, yellow, or brown, but some trees keep green leaves and these are evergreen trees. We learnt that some animals, like squirrels,



collect food for the winter, while others go to sleep in a cosy place such as under a pile of leaves, and this is called hibernating. We threaded autumn leaves and used them for printing. We drew autumn trees using appropriate colours. We snipped circles of brown paper to make hedgehogs and we talked about the sounds leaves make when we walk on them. The children started Forest School this week and had a lovely time. We used the play dough to make hedgehogs too.

In Maths we have learnt about number 7 in a range of contexts. Some of the children are remembering the number bonds of 7 really well and used this knowledge to make patterns. We also looked at shapes with 7 sides (heptagons). We made 7 o'clock on a clock face and also found out what that time looks like on a digital clock. We looked at numbers on hedgehogs and pegged on the correct amount of prickles.



In phonics, we have started Phase 2. The first four phonemes we have learnt are s a t p. The children have learnt to say the sound when they see the letter, and to write the letter when we say the sound. They have been reading CVC words containing these sounds and some children can write the words using the sounds too.

We introduced the ELLI character Connecting Spider and we learnt that to be like him we need to connect ideas and relate new experiences to previous ones. The children painted a spider on a plate then punched holes and threaded wool to make a spider web.

The Nursery children have made dough hedgehogs and used scissors to snip the spikes or stuck in little wooden sticks. They did leaf rubbings and autumn pictures. They also played a dice game, rolling the dice, counting the spots and doing that number of jumps, star jumps or hops.



Well done to **Harry** who is Waveney Class's Star of the week this week! He has worked hard in Phonics and he cut around a shape to make a super hedgehog. Well done, Harry!

WELL DONE! To the children who did their home learning. We enjoy looking at it on Tapestry. We were very impressed with Verity's beautiful autumn tree.



PLEASE NOTE!

Library book change day is on a Friday. Some children haven't brought a book back for one or more weeks.

Your child (Reception) has brought a reading book home today. Please aim to read or do related activities (as explained at the curriculum meeting) every day. You can write any comments about what they have done in the yellow home/school reading record book. There is also a card for you to sign each day that your child reads. When they have filled the card (ie read for 25 days) they will get a certificate.

Have a lovely weekend! The Early Years Team

HOME LEARNING

NURSERY

Talk about what you wear on a cold day and a wet day. Get out the clothes you need. Can you put them on yourself? Can you name all the items of clothing?

RECEPTION

Practise writing s a t p and CVC words sat sap pat tap.

Make a weather chart for the week with pictures for the weather each day.