

# Ripe Nursery School Chronicle

## Last week...

### Settling in to new routines

We've had a lovely settled week with the children and have made the most of the continuing sunny days and have been outside as much as possible. Little Owls have had their classroom out under the trees this week and have enjoyed plenty of water play! Wise Owls have been out and about on walks and have started to spot conkers and acorns... more on this next week! The children in The

Nest have been exploring their new surroundings and getting used to not having parents with them, as well as having some walks in the woods, feeling different textures such as leaves and tree bark.

In Forest School this week, the children explored what they could do with the ropes and the wooden planks and pallets. Miss Charlotte demonstrated 'slip knots' and how the children could 'take the dog for a walk' by tying a rope to a piece of wood. There was also much concentration as children tried to tie up Miss Kate! Miss Charlotte taught the

children about safety with ropes and they practiced moving around the circle, in preparation for a real fire. The children created 'spiders webs' with the ropes which then continued in their play all week; we'll continue to build on this.



### Handwashing...

Thank you for bearing with us with hand washing in the mornings! Please do help your child to do their hands if you arrive before the doors open at 9am.

### Kit Bags...

These are to stay at Nursery School please, along with wellies, hats, suits, coats etc. We are trying to minimise the number of items travelling between home and nursery for everyone's safety.

### Yellow Books...

We wish to maintain our home/nursery link as much as possible and will continue to write in the 'yellow books' in the book bags. Please initial these to let us know you have seen the comments added by staff. Do feel free to use these to send messages into Nursery as well. We will be storing the book bags separately to minimise the risk of cross contamination.

## Next week...

### Autumn, spiders, chatting...

Owing to the interest in spiders in Wise Owls at the moment, we are going to base our learning around this next week, looking at where spiders might live, how they make webs and how we could make our own spiders! We'll also be looking for more signs of Autumn and collecting items on our walks. Little Owls will also be enjoying some Autumnal walks and will be focussing on language; their summer scrapbooks will really help with this too. The children in The Nest will be exploring new toys and different areas set up for them in the hall as well as having more adventures outside.



### Forest School

Forest school continues to be a very popular feature of the week on a Monday afternoon. For the time being, we are keeping the classes separate at all times, so Little Owls will be having their own version of Forest School in the Churchyard while the Wise Owls are in the field. This also allows us to differentiate the activities according to the children's ages, although we hope that in the future we will be able to get together again for parts of the afternoon.

### Developments at Nursery School

As you will know, earlier in the week I shared our priorities for development in the Nursery this year. We've had some lovely responses, comments and suggestions and I'll share some more detail of these in next week's Chronicle.



## Colds and Covid!

Thank you to everyone for being so vigilant and understanding about our need to keep an eye on any illness at Nursery School. If your child has a cold, they are still welcome to come to Nursery School as long as they are up to it and don't have a temperature. We aren't able to administer calpol, so if your child has had calpol in the morning or is likely to need it, for any reason, we would be grateful if you could keep them at home until they are well again.

Please familiarise yourself with the current guidance for Covid in children, here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

We would be grateful if any visitors into Nursery could wear a face mask please, and only come in if it is absolutely necessary. We have not resumed our 'show arounds' during the day for prospective parents but are showing them the nursery out of hours once the children have gone home. We are keeping the children in their class bubbles at the moment without mixing them.

### **WHAT'S ON...**

#### Next week:

No Baby and Toddler group until further notice, sorry!

#### Future Dates:

Half Term: Monday 26th to Friday 30th October