



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER Friday 23rd October 2020



We made it!

What a wonderful half term! Thank you for all your support over the last 8 weeks, we really appreciate your kind words and patience as we settled your children into the school routines. It's such a pleasure to see their smiling faces as they come into school, many of them running in they are so keen! Your children have all been fabulous, we are so proud of all of them!

Our learning this week

In literacy this week we concluded our writing about the gingerbread man by retelling the story using pictures and writing. The children showcased what they have learned so far in phonics, listening for the sounds in words and working hard to write the words, forming their letters correctly.

We have continued with our phonics work this week with the phonemes (sounds) **h** and **b** and have introduced the tricky words **go** and **no** and practised the words **l**, **to** and **the**. We have revisited our sounds **s**, **a**, **t**, **p**, **i**, **n**, **c**, **d**, **m**, **o**, **g**, **k**, **e**, **u**, **r**, **g**, **ck** and are listening for these sounds at the beginning of words. This week we learned how to read some words ending with the letter **s**. To read **pats** we first segmented and blended to read **pat** and then added the **s** to make **pats**.

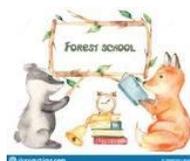
In our maths lessons we have been looking at repeating patterns. We began by looking at patterns in movement such as clapping and jumping. The children made their own repeating patterns of movement for others to copy. We then moved on to making repeating patterns with coloured cubes. The children then had to look carefully at the repeating patterns given to them and continue them.

In P.E this week the children played games with the parachute. It was great fun trying to get the balls off the parachute. We then made an igloo which we all got inside!

With Mrs Gatiss, they have been learning to count to 10 in Spanish and have been practising talking to each other using the phrases they have learned so far.

Forest School

Forest School was amazing this week. The children had a wonderful morning learning all about forest animals and listening to stories about wildlife. They even got to see how a 'Dragon Sneezer' works and then tasted some delicious toasted marshmallows. Mr Hadfield commented on how well behaved all the children were and how good they were at listening and responding to questions. The EY team feel very proud!



Reading

We hope you enjoyed reading with your children this week and can see just how much they have been learning in school. Please try and read three times during the week so that they see the same sounds and words. This repetition really helps to consolidate their learning. Unfortunately we're unable to send any books home over half term as we don't have enough time to quarantine them. If you're feeling in the phonics mood, take a look at the email we sent earlier in the week with some ideas and links for you to help them with their letters and sounds over the October break.

Homework

We have been talking about autumn in school and looking at how the environment outside has changed since the summer. We're sending home an 'autumn bag' for the children to collect leaves, acorns, conkers etc... We will share the bags in our first week after the holiday. We will be looking at all the different objects they find and sorting them. We will find out what they are called, where they might have come from and perhaps which animals might eat them. The wider variety of things you can find the better!

Lunches

The first week back, we will be on week 1 of the lunch menu.

Please remember to send in a named water bottle each day as the children use these at lunch time as well as during the day.

Finally....

Have a fabulous half term holiday! It has been a privilege to get to know your children and to spend so much time with them. They should feel very proud of themselves and everything they have achieved over the last 2 months. Enjoy your week and we look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Contacting us

Unfortunately, we are not able to invite you in to school under the current Covid restrictions but you can email us at earlyyears@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk if you have any issues or queries and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively you can contact the office at admin@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Richardson Mrs Gillett Mrs Baynes Mrs Eccles

