

## 2-Year-old Nursery Highlights

### Autumn 1

Wow what a fantastic start to the new academic year we have had in Nursery. We have welcomed some new friends and their families to our school, and been learning so much, take a look at some of our highlights from this half term.



We have been learning all about growing and changes over time, looking at ourselves and how we have changed from being a baby to now being 2. We have created lots of pictures of ourselves using different materials, including, playdough and transient art. We used mirrors whilst having a go at drawing ourselves, helping us to recognise our different features. We used our number skills to count how many of each we had to draw; one, two eyes, one nose, one mouth, one, two ears with lots of hair on top of our head.



We have been learning all about our families and how important they are, looking at how our families are all different, looking at how many family members live in our home. We then used pebbles to make simple representations of our families to show this. We talked about even though all our families are different that each family, no matter how big or small, love and look after each other, linking this to our class value of LOVE. We talked about how we can show love to our families at home but also to our school family, by helping each other and being kind to one another. To support this, we shared lots of stories about different families and relatives we might have and shared the story 'Our class is a family'.



We shared the story 'Owl Babies' and used this to reassure children that their grownups would be back soon, just like the owl mother. We listened to the story lots of times allowing us to build up the confidence to join in with the repeated phrase that the little owl Bill said "I want my Mummy." We found out more about owls, listening to the different noises they make and talked about the different features they have, two big eyes, two wings, talons and a beak which helped us to create our own drawings and clay models of owls.



We have also been exploring Autumn and how the season has changed, turning leaves lots of different colours. We shared the story 'The little acorn' which looks at how it changes over time from a small acorn to a great big tree and produces acorns of its own. We then went on nature walks to explore Autumn around us, during our nature walks we found lots of different sizes, shapes and colours of leaves to compare and sort in too big and small, along with lots of other Autumn treasures. We used our found Autumn treasures to create different pieces of art worked in the style of artist Andy Goldsworthy, working on individual and whole class pieces.



We found potatoes in our flower beds that we had grown over the summer to help us be more sustainable with our snack. We used these to create our own leek and potato soup to enjoy together for snack. We helped chop up our potatoes ready to cook with the leeks before blending them to eat with crusty bread, this was so good that we wanted to make more soups so we have got some mushrooms to grow to create mushroom soup with, which we are looking forward to trying.



The children loved welcoming their families in to nursery to explore our learning environment with them. They enjoyed having the opportunity to show our grown-ups how we spend our time at Nursery learning through play and letting them join in our fun creating Autumn crowns, playing in the playdough. We enjoyed showing off our class.



We have had so much fun this half term and we hope you have enjoyed reading all about it.

We can't wait for the next half term in Nursery!