

# Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

## Foundation Stage Newsletter - Autumn 2023



*Learning together - enjoying success - aiming high - celebrating difference –  
enriching community*

### Introduction

Welcome to our regular termly newsletter, for Nursery and Reception ( F1 & F2 ) It is designed to bring you up to date with all that's going on this half term and next. Whether it's curriculum, home learning that you're keen to know more about, it's all found here!

Of course if there are other questions that you have, or suggestions you'd like to make just get in touch with me or any adult in the team – we'd all be happy to help.

Sarah Butler - Foundation Stage Phase Leader

### The Poetry Basket in Foundation Stage



The love of stories and reading is regularly seen across the setting as the children share and act out stories during their own self chosen play.



The children are also becoming FABULOUS POETS and can recall our weekly poems with such confidence. Im sure you might have heard some repeated at home.

#### The benefits of learning poems:

- Learning poems together is an enjoyable way of experiencing the play of language.
- Saying poems out loud emphasises the sounds and rhythms of language or the syllables contained in each word, a vital part of learning to read.
- When reciting a poem with actions, children discover and use new words in an almost effortless way. It is as if the rhythm and the structure of the verse give context to these unfamiliar phrases.
- Poetry develops the skill of prediction, where the rhyming structure of the poems allows children to guess what word might come next.
- The more poems children hear and recite, the more capable they become of recognising and memorising patterns, a vital part of early maths.

**Reciting poetry can ignite a love of language, but it also has the power to enhance the acquisition of vocabulary, as well as shaping the neural pathways crucial in the process of reading.**

**Sharing Photos and learning** A **HUGE THANK YOU** for sharing photos of your weekend and adventures as a family so that we can add them to your child's contact books. These images HELP in so many ways. The more photos you send the better, as it supports your child sharing their experiences and interests with their peers. We are happy to print photos to add to your child's contact book. Please send them to [admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk) marked for the attention of the Foundation Stage.



Micheal from talking turns Paddleboat visited us and taught us how to dance and act out the story . It was GREAT fun - we even got a little wet!

### Please can you help us?

We LOVE dressing up and making shops! Do you have any old purses or wallets which we could have for the children to use in their roleplay?



### Foundations of Fun

We're been having fun, finding out about the world. We sometimes get dirty, which means we are fantastic learners but we also need to dry off... Please can you help?

Please can **YOUR** child have in their ruck sack spare clothes - socks, pants, trousers and a top.

Please can **YOUR** child have a pair of **NAMED** wellington boots at school.

**Socks and pants are most important as we have run out of spare sets.**

### What have we been up to already?

#### Nursery (F1)



We have been exploring how we can mix our own colours and own paint from powder. Recently we have been painting pumpkins!

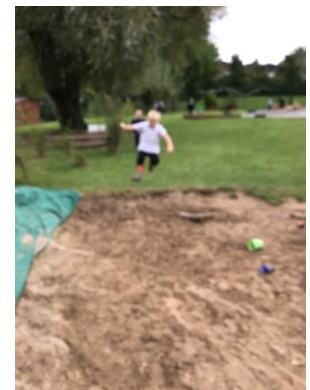
#### Reception (F2)



Using a tens frame outside



Finding a dead mouse outside  
(Dave the mouse!)



Creating our own long jump pit!