



Ash Class Newsletter 20th September 2019

Ash Class have been very busy settling into the new school year. We are enjoying catching up with old friends and making new ones too!

CLL: The children have really impressed me with their love of reading over the past 2 weeks! We have read *Monkey Puzzle* and written about how the monkey might have felt, as well as many *Farmyard Tales* to learn about scarecrows. The children are also working on writing their names, initial sounds and segmenting words.



Maths: We have enjoyed subitizing numbers by playing dice games, dominoes and snap. The children also were fascinated by the numberblocks.

Understanding the World: We harvested some of the vegetables we planted in the summer, including a courgette to make chocolate and courgette cakes! We are also learning about scarecrows and harvest festivals.

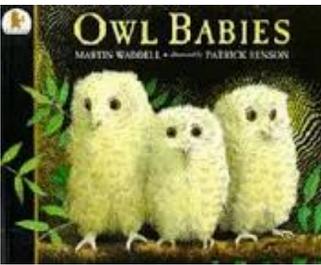


Expressive Arts and Design: We have explored the home corner and roleplayed families, designed a scarecrow for our scarecrow competition, drawn self-portraits and made lots of paintings!



Here are a few topic related activity ideas to try at home:

- Read with your child five times a week please! You could re-read one of the stories we have read at school; *Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson or the *Usborne Farmyard Tales*.
- Play dice games such as snakes and ladders, or domino games. This will help your child to subitize numbers (recognise groups of dots up to 6 without counting them)
- Next week we are going to read the story of *Owl Babies*. Perhaps you could learn some facts about owls from information books and discuss birds; where do they live? What do they eat? You could even do some bird watching or hunt for signs of bird nests.



Have you tried any of the activities or noticed your child talking about any of the topics we have been learning about recently? If so, please let us know below:

Many thanks,
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