

Pear Class Weekly Bulletin

What a busy and exciting week we have had in Pear Class!

One of the highlights of the week was having our photographs taken. The children were fantastic and showed lots of smiles and confidence throughout the sessions.

We also enjoyed a wonderful Physical Development (PD) Curriculum Day. It was lovely to welcome so many parents into nursery, and we hope those who attended enjoyed spending quality time with their children while learning more about how we teach Physical Development in the Early Years. Thank you for your enthusiasm and support. If you would like to find out more, an explanation of Physical Development in the Early Years, along with our playdough recipe, can be found on the class page.

This week we have also been learning about where our food comes from. The children have enjoyed discussing different fruits and vegetables, talking about farms and gardens, and exploring how food gets from the ground to our plates.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Next week, the children will be taking part in some food tasting and cooking activities. We will be using our senses to explore a variety of foods by looking, smelling, touching and tasting them.

★ **Please bring in a small named sandwich pot each day** so that your child can safely bring home anything they make.

Maths

We will be focusing on **the number 2**, developing our understanding through counting, recognising groups of two and subitising (instantly recognising small quantities without counting).

Phonics

In phonics, we will be listening carefully to and identifying words that begin with the same initial sound. We will be exploring **alliteration** through songs, stories and games.

Poem of the Week

Carrots, Peas and Broccoli

We will be learning this fun poem together and exploring the different vegetables it mentions.

Author of the Half Term

Anthony Browne

So far, we have shared:

- Knock, Knock who's There
- *My Mum*
- *My Dad*
- *Silly Billy*
- *A Beary Tale*
- How Do You Feel?
- Earnest the Elephant

The children have enjoyed exploring Anthony Browne's stories and noticing the wonderful details in his illustrations.

Book of the Week

Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

We will be sharing this lovely autumn story and exploring themes of friendship, teamwork and seasonal change.

Home Learning Ideas

Here are some simple activities you could try at home:

- Count groups of **2** objects around the house, such as socks, shoes or spoons.
- Play an "I Spy" game using alliteration, for example: "I spy something beginning with the same sound as **silly snake**."
- Encourage your child to help prepare fruit or vegetables and talk about where the food comes from.
- Create your own sensory food investigation by talking about what foods look, smell, feel and taste like.
- Share a story together each day and encourage your child to talk about their favourite part.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to another fun-filled week of learning in Pear Class!

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