



Elm Class Update - Week 7

Autumn 1

Dear parents and carers,

Children in need - School are very excited to support Matt Baker and the Rick Shaw Challenge Team cycling on their way past Seaham. The children may wear spots, yellow, Pudsey bear or pyjamas today. Reception will remain in school.

Yoga continues today with Mrs Wilkes. Thank you to all the families that send their child into school wearing their PE kit on Monday mornings. This will continue after half term. Many thanks 😊

We're going on a Leaf Hunt! –to Hardwick Park on Tuesday 18th of October 2022. The children will be leaving just after their lunch at 12.30. We will arrive back ready for home time routine for 3.20. Thankyou to the families that are able to volunteer their time to support our youngest children on this educational visit.

Scooter Friday continues. If would like your child to participate then they are welcome to bring a scooter and a helmet with them on Friday morning and park their scooter in the MUGA until lunchtime play.

Play matters in Elm class - interests this week have ranged from:

Samuel- Keen to make home-made dough investigating the mathematical concept of measurement using the measure of 'cups'. We had fun putting freshly cut herbs from EYFS snipping garden into the dough. Samuel choose Lemon Verbena leaves to sprinkle into his dough. It smelt amazing!

Seb - Keen to build a model in the construction area 'Where we can jump cars' he shared. This then turned into a 'Jenga' model 'So you put slide bits in together that's Jenga' he explained.

Shaun – Exploring imaginative play with the wooden dolls house alongside his friend Seb. Shaun made a 'Chilling out room'. The boys made 'critical' design decisions when placing the furniture.

Reuben – Enjoyed exploring the Lego area and the mathematical concepts of measurement/ size. 'I'm making a robot. I'm making him taller. More blocks please'.

Areas of Learning

Literacy - Reception

For the children to:

- *Continue Sounds-Write Programme of work Initial Code - Unit 2 n, p, o. To revise Unit 1.
- *To begin the Sounds-Write reading journey with Ms Lilley for developmentally ready children.
- *To encourage mark making opportunities through play.

Mathematics -

Week 7 – Make simple patterns

For the children to:

- *copy, continue and create their own simple repeating patterns
- *say the pattern out loud as this helps them to identify the parts which repeat and supports them to repeat the pattern.
- *be given opportunities to explore AB patterns in a range of contexts
- *encourage the children to build patterns in various ways including vertically and horizontally

We break up for half term on Friday.

Have a restful week 😊

Warmest regards,

Ms Lilley