



Gold Class
St Anne's Royton

Autumn Term
Week 7
19th October

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The children have been singing along to the nursery rhyme '5 Currant Buns' this week. We have been using pennies to 'buy' the currant buns and have been counting how many are left and showing that amount using our fingers.

We have been looking at the big book, 'What Can You See?' The pictures are very busy and the children are asked to find an object on the page. The children have been encouraged to use 'good talking' to describe where it is (rather than pointing at it). We have been using lots of positional language, for example, the clown is on the bottom bunk bed, the teddy is behind the ball, the mouse is next to the door.

We have also been reading 'Each Peach, Pear, Plum', and finding the characters hidden in the pictures. The children have been encouraged to repeat the rhyming words after the teacher, pointing out rhyming words to children helps them to notice sound patterns in words and this supports later reading and writing.

This week we have also been looking at photos to identify feelings. We have looked at happy, sad, angry and surprised. The children have been talking about when they have had these feelings and why they felt that way. Some of the children were able to talk about their feelings well, "I am happy when I get a cuddle," or "I am cross if someone hits me", other needed lots of support to discuss feelings.

Autumn Walk

Next week the children will be going on an Autumn walk up to the school field. It will be wet and muddy. If your child does not have wellies in school, please bring some in as soon as possible.

Homework

We have attached a sheet so that you can play '5 Currant Buns' at home with your child. Cut the pictures out and take turns to be the shop keeper or the customer, each time counting how many are left in the shop and encouraging your child to show that number on their fingers. You could stick the pictures onto some cardboard (from a cereal packet) so that they last longer. Listen to the rhyme at www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/earlylearning/nurserysongs

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child, please feel free to come and talk to us. If you would prefer to talk in private, please let us know and we will arrange a convenient time.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Russell.

Don't Forget: Nursery closes on Friday 26th October for one week.