



# What adventures have we been on this week?



Week beginning 5/10/26

*Book of the week— Handa's Noisy Night*

*Rhyme of the week— Five Little Ducks*

## Maths

This week we focused on the number 5. We explored what 5 looked like in different ways through a range of practical activities. We counted out 5 objects, used five frames to find different ways of making 5, and went on a number hunt around the classroom to spot the numeral 5. We also enjoyed building towers of 5 cubes and practised showing 5 using our fingers. These activities helped us to recognise, count and understand the number 5 with increasing confidence.

## Reminders

Please label all clothing and belongings. If having a school dinner, please order via theTeachers2parents app.

## Our Adventures

This week, we continued our learning about nocturnal animals and enjoyed reading *Handa's Noisy Night*. We explored the different animals in the story and brought this into our artwork and writing. We talked about which creatures are awake at night, and how they have adapted to the dark. As part of our topic on ourselves, we talked about how we have changed since we were babies and celebrated the things that make each of us unique. In Forest School, we used clay and natural materials collected from the garden to create imaginative nature faces. The children showed great creativity and enjoyed exploring the outdoor environment. We also marked World Mental Health Day by discussing our feelings and ways to look after our wellbeing. We focused on the Five Ways to Well-being, Connect, Be active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give. We looked at how we can incorporate these into our daily activities at school. In .PE, we imagined ourselves going to a castle using a variety of movements and practised listening carefully during freeze games, developing our coordination and control. Next week we are excited to go on a trip to Malpas Fire station to learn about how they help people in the community.

## Literacy

In Phonics, we focused on the sounds j, v, w y and z. We listened carefully for sounds in words and identified the sounds we could hear at the beginning and end. In Drawing Club, we read *Handa's Noisy Night* and used our imaginations to draw characters, settings and exciting parts of the story. We discussed the different animals and the sounds they made. We used our growing phonics knowledge in our independent writing to write words and simple captions. Don't forget our new Book Swap Box outside the classroom! If you have any good-quality children's books at home that are no longer needed, please feel free to bring them in and swap them for a different book. We hope this will help foster a love of reading and give books a new home.