



Early Years Talk-Talk

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October



**Alfie for being a kind friend  
in Reception. He has been  
supporting his friends and  
saying well done to them!  
We are very Proud Peacocks  
of Alfie.**



### Message from Mrs Grainger

As we reach the end of the fifth full week in school it's heartening to see school life in full flow. Something we had to adapt significantly last year was our collective worship (you might call this assembly), we really missed the time spent together and the added depth it gives to our curriculum to experience learning this way.

We provide collective worship daily, and each weekday follow this structure:

**Monday** – This is whole school. It promotes and centres around theme days and personal and social values. It develops a sense of community spirit and explores own beliefs.

**Tuesday** – This is in key stages. We use a resource called Picture News where we share topical news and consider moral issues in the world around us.

**Wednesday** – This is for Years 1 – 6. Mrs Miles leads a hymn practice which allows the children to experience participation and the wealth of Mrs Miles musical knowledge. Singing in school was the activity most missed by the pupils last year.

**Thursday** – Class assembly. This links to our RE curriculum. The children have a 'think piece' that is based on fundamental British values but are linked to all major faiths. The emphasis is upon evoking a response from children which leads to reflection and thought.

**Friday** – Whole school Star Awards. We reinforce positive values by celebrating learning from the week and share outside school achievements. This develops a sense of community, promotes a common ethos and is everyone's favourite.

You might like to ask your children about the day's collective worship, prompting them on the subject, you might find some interesting discussions developing.

### Message from Reception

This week in Reception we have started our new theme 'Exploring Autumn'. Whilst in the forest we looked for signs of Autumn arriving and collected different leaves and other natural objects on the floor and made them into artwork. We have been learning about woodland habitats and the animals who live there, we even made our own woodland animals using clay! We have started using a story map to help us learn the story of The Little Red Hen and have been doing some super writing to label the characters. In maths, we have been practicing our counting in lots of different ways, including using instruments to make different numbers of sounds. In Jigsaw, we talked about working as a team, especially when it is tidy up time after our choosing time! We have seen lots of children working together to clear up the mess that we have made while we were busy learning.

### Message from Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been making our own maps and looking at maps in our provision. We went on an Autumn walk around the school and used our senses to hear, smell, see and touch. We then created a story map of our walk and used photographs to show the things we saw as well as sticking on some of the Autumnal things we found. The children learned about directions and the difference between going left and right. You will have received a letter about our Nursery Rhyme workshop. Please return the slip to us by next Friday. It would be lovely to see you there.

This week in Nursery:



This week in Reception:



