

Dear Families,

This week we have been enjoying *Each Peach Pear Plum* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. The children have loved looking closely at the illustrations and searching for the characters hidden on each page. This has encouraged lots of conversation and helped us explore words to describe where things are, such as under, behind, next to and in front of.

During our cooking session, the children made delicious peach, pear and plum tarts. We have also been tasting these fruits during our healthy snack times throughout the week. This has been a lovely opportunity to explore different tastes, textures and smells, as well as talking together about making healthy choices.

We have had great fun playing Kim's Game. The children looked carefully at a selection of objects before they were covered with a blanket. When the blanket was lifted, they used their memory and observation skills to work out which object was missing. They were very good detectives!

We have continued exploring the numerals 1 to 5, practising counting with one-to-one correspondence, where we say one number for each object we count. We have also been matching numerals to the correct quantities.

This week we introduced some observational drawing. The children looked carefully at pears and plums, noticing their shapes, colours and features. They then had a go at creating their own drawings, encouraging them to look closely and draw what they could see, rather than worrying about making their picture perfect. This was also a lovely opportunity to develop their pencil control and confidence in making marks.

Book of the week: *Each Peach Pear Plum*

Song of the week: 1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive

Makaton sign: Tuesday

Sound of the week: Environmental sounds

Harvest Assembly

Our Early Years Harvest Assembly will take place on Friday 16th October, 9.00–9.45am.

If your child does not usually attend pre-school on a Friday, we would still love them to join us for the assembly. Please complete the Google forms on today's school newsletter, bring them along for the celebration and then take them home with you afterwards.

Choosy Books – new this year.

After half term, our pre-school children will bring home a weekly Choosy Book from our book corner to enjoy and share with their families. We hope this will encourage a love of reading and create lots of special story-sharing moments at home.

To help keep our books safe and in good condition, and to make it easier for us to send home your child's work flat and undamaged, we are introducing a pre-school book bag. **This will be a compulsory part of the school uniform.**

Please choose from the following options:

- **Plain royal blue book bag – £4.50**
- **Branded Busbridge pre-school book bag – £9.00**

Please complete this Google [form](#) by Wednesday 7th October to let us know which book bag you would like to order. This will allow us to place the order in time for the bags to arrive after half term.

We are really excited to introduce this new initiative and share the joy of reading with our pre-school families. We look forward to hearing about all the lovely stories you enjoy together!

Thank you for your support.

The pre-school team