



Newsletter 3

October 2020



We're embracing the change of season in Nursery, having lots of fun with the fallen leaves in the garden. We have collected them in trucks, with spades and scoops, and with our hands so that we can make some good compost for our plants in the spring.

It is also welly season, and we are encouraging the children to be more independent by having a go at changing their shoes by themselves. Please support this at home by praising their efforts at having a go with shoes and coats.



We've been making the most of the dry days too. The children have been building various creations from the plastic link blocks, forming trains with hula hoops and practising their climbing skills. We also planted some lettuce seeds, which have just started to germinate.

Phonics and reading

We are having a particular focus on rhyming words this week and have enjoyed singing Hickory Dickory Dock, making up our own animals and rhymes for verses 2 and 3. See if your child can sing you the first verse at home, with actions:

Hickory dickory dock/The mouse ran up the clock
The clock struck one, the mouse ran down/Hickory dickory dock, tick, tock

Borrowing books

We will start lending Nursery books after half term, provided your child has a school book bag. Some of you have already bought them but if you don't yet have one, please go to the school website uniform page <https://st-thomas-more.oxon.sch.uk/information/parents-information/school-uniform/> and click the PMG Schoolwear link. Your child will need this bookbag for Reception when they move up in any case.

Tapestry

Please keep uploading your children's 'wow' moments to Tapestry – we have been enjoying them and discussing them in class. If you still haven't logged in and need help or your account reactivated, please let us know. It is important that all families have access so that we can keep in touch about your child's learning.

Reminders

Nursery start time is 9.00am unless children have an older sibling who has been dropped off earlier. These children can be brought to Nursery at 8.50am when doors will open. If you are waiting, please leave the path clear so that we can ensure social distancing. Many thanks for your support with this.

It's half term next week and then an INSET day for the whole school on Monday 2nd November, so Nursery will be closed. Have a lovely half term and we will see you on Tuesday 3rd November.

Best wishes from the Nursery team, Mrs Conway, Mrs Dryden, Mrs Fennell and Mrs Buda