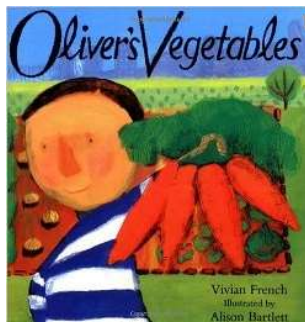




# Newsletter 2

## October 2022



As we approach half term, we have been thinking about harvest time and vegetables, as well as making soda bread from flour and milk. Thank you to those who joined us for our harvest prayer service earlier this week.

We have been singing weather songs such as I Hear Thunder and I Love the Sun, and the Rainbow Song has been a favourite since last year. See if your child can sing it to you at home. Songs and rhymes are an important part of language development in the early years and can be a particular help to children whose second language is English.



We welcomed Nursery and Reception parents into school this week for one of our regular prayer services. Both classes had been busy with harvest artwork and Reception shared the prayers they had written. We finished with a rousing 'The farmer plants the seeds', which the children have enjoyed learning. Don't worry if you couldn't make it this time; we will be inviting you in regularly to see what the children have been up to.

### **Family photos, please!**

We are creating a display of family photos as part of our Marvellous Me theme this term. This will remain up for the long term so that we have a useful resource to encourage children to talk about their home and family. If you haven't already uploaded a family photo to Tapestry, please could you do so over half term? Many thanks.

### **Junk modelling materials**

If you have any recycling that could be useful for junk models, please bring it in. Clean boxes, tubes and lids are all useful for the children's creations.

### **Continuing with independence**

We have seen many of the children doing the 'dip and flip' to put their coats on independently! This is wonderful and reminds us how quickly they can learn to do these things. Please keep encouraging them to put on their coats and shoes themselves, and to have a go with other things too.

### **Reminder: applying for a Reception place for September 2023**

You will need to apply for a school place in Reception by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Applications open on 1<sup>st</sup> November. See <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/online-applications>. Do ask if you need any help applying.

With best wishes for a happy half term,

The Nursery Team (Mrs Dryden, Mrs Conway, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Bowman)