

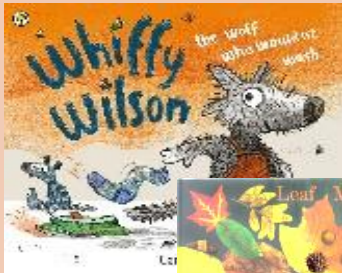
**Date: Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**Topic: Happy and Healthy**

**Theme: Self-Care (brushing teeth, bathing, handwashing, sleeping), and Autumn**



**Our Book of the Week:**



**Our Words of the Week:**

whiffy  
growl  
plonk

**Songs we are enjoying:**

Polly put the Kettle on  
Humpty Dumpty  
Sleeping Bunnies

**Questions to ask at home:**

- "Tell me about pumpkins. Are they always orange? How do you know?"
- "Can you explain to me what the words whiffy/growl/plonk mean? Can you show me what growl means?"
- "I wonder why it is important to have a bath. What do you think?"

We have been:

- Using our Whiffy Wilson books to start our conversations about washing, going to school and going to bed!
- Enjoying a pumpkin theme to launch our learning about Autumn. We have a pumpkin table where children can touch, hold, observe and compare different kinds of pumpkins and squashes. We have decorated a large pumpkin for our display, as well as painted our pumpkins using watercolours.
- Talking about numbers to 3 and practising how to count 'just three'
- Going on little 'nature walks' around the school to hunt for leaves and other natural treasures such as acorns and conkers
- Collecting leaves in the playground and making observations of them, and seeing how it feels to cut them with scissors
- Enjoying our supplementary book, 'Leaf man'. In this book, there are beautiful illustrations of leaves and other animals created from various kinds of leaves and natural treasures. We have had a discovery table in the nursery where we can try to make our own leaf pictures.
- Making leaf wreaths as an Autumn decoration. We are getting better at selecting our own resources and using the glue independently.
- Decorating our own corn on the cobs with real corn. We also popped our own popcorn for the children to understand how it is made.
- Talking about kindness, and how we be kind to others, building friendships.

Notices:

**Illness**

Please be reminded that if your child has any sickness or diarrhoea, they need to stay at home for 48 hours following the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. Please do not bring your child to nursery if they have been ill in the morning before school. Thank you!

**Natural Objects**

Please donate any conkers or acorns that you find on your travels! We can use these for lots of activities at school and would be very grateful! Thank you!

**Parent/Carer appointments**

There will be appointments to book on

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Please note that these will be available to book on Parentmail after half term. We can accommodate either in-person meetings or virtual appointments online or by phone. Please let me know what you would prefer.

Contacting Kate: please speak to me at drop off or collection, or you can always email [admissions@jubilee.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@jubilee.hackney.sch.uk) and I will get back to you.

Please see photo highlights sheet for the lovely photos of learning and play in the nursery this week.