

Early Years Newsletter 12.10.15



Thanks to all of you who attended both the Harvest Festival Assembly and The Parent Consultation Evenings. We think the children have settled incredibly well and we hope this has been reflected not only in their performance at Harvest but also in the conversations you have had with staff. We are thrilled and want to thank you all for your support and help this term so far.



This week we have been partitioning numbers to 5 and 10. This reinforces that the number five or ten can be made in different ways. See below for challenge or practical activities that help to reinforce this concept.



At home there are lots of practical ways you can do this without worksheets. Try sorting items into two piles. Pennies, pasta, Lego blocks, cars into two garages, soft toys into two beds? Be creative and follow the interests of your children. It will make it much more fun.

Two sandwich bags and ten Haribo is a good reward for finding the different ways to separate the number 10.

In literacy we have been looking at images from Hogwarts School on Harry Potter's first day. We have been thinking about what it would be like to have a witch or wizard school.

We have been making our own potions. Can we make a potion that will help us fly? Grow tall? Become invisible. Jays favourite is a burping potion!! Great!

At bath time get those pots and pans and bottles out and make some bath time potions. (language such as more, less, full and empty are great words to reinforce capacity and measurement.)

See the attached format for making a more messy play potion. Use a small packed lunch plastic bottle and make some messy potions. Glue the lid shut and get the children to write their own label to tie on. We will display them in the corridor.

