

SCHOOL UPDATE

A Very Positive Week of Learning Visits

Last week we visited every P2-P7 class as part of our regular learning walks across the school. We found positive evidence in every area we looked at in every class. Children were taking part in purposeful discussion, making their thinking visible and learning from clear worked examples and careful modelling. We shared this encouraging feedback with staff and will keep building on it together.

Thank you to our children, staff, families and partners for making Claypotts such a positive place to learn and grow.

Breakfast Club List Closed ...for now

We are currently over subscribed for our breakfast club provision so will have to close the list. If your child no longer wishes to use our breakfast club regularly please let us know so we can make more space.

Toast Helpersthank you!

Thank you to all the ladies who come in every day to ensure our children have something to eat in the mornings before lunch.

New Assembly ...testing, testing, one... two ... three

Our first trial of a split assembly across two spaces worked extremely well – a bit of singing, a bit of story telling, updates and a movement break.

Community Art Event ...hold the date and the space

We will be hoping to host an art event down in the Community Centre at the end of the term in the last week. More news to follow...

PIP AND MOSS

Five New Woodland Stories to share

Five difficult moments. Eight Walks. Five hopeful endings.

Dear families, here are five completely new adventures for Pip (squirrel) and Moss (Badger). Each story shows how one or more of our Walks can help when something feels difficult. You might enjoy reading one together and trying the question at the end.

STORY 1 | NOTICE

The Nest Beside the Path

One bright morning, Pip raced down the woodland path, kicking leaves into the air. Moss followed more slowly. Near the old oak, Moss heard a thin, worried chirp.

Hidden beneath a fern was a tiny nest close to the path. Pip had been so busy reaching the stream that the nest had disappeared from view. Together, Pip and Moss placed three fallen branches

nearby, without touching the nest, so other walkers would notice and step around it. Then they took the longer route home. The woods had not shouted. They had whispered, and Moss had listened.

Talk about it at home: *What might you notice if you slowed down?*

STORY 2 | CHOOSE AND COURAGE

The Stream That Looked Too Wide

Rain had fallen all night, and the little stream had grown wide and noisy. Pip stopped at the edge. 'The path is finished,' Pip said. Moss looked again and spotted three flat stones and a low branch that could be held.

They named their choices: turn back, wait for the water to fall, or cross carefully together. Pip chose the first stone. Knees shook, but Moss stayed close. One step became two, then three. On the far bank, the stream was still wide, but Pip felt different. Courage had not made the problem smaller. It had helped Pip take the next safe step.

Talk about it at home: *What brave next step could you choose?*

STORY 3 | ANCHOR

When the Wind Would Not Stop

A sudden wind pulled the map from Moss's paws and dropped it into a patch of brambles. Branches rattled, leaves spun and Moss's thoughts began to race. 'We will never get it back!' Moss cried.

Pip stood beside Moss. They pressed both feet into the earth, breathed slowly and named three things they could see. The wind did not stop, but the rush inside began to settle. With a steadier mind, Moss noticed a long stick beside the path. Together, they lifted the map safely from the thorns. Their anchor had not changed the weather. It had helped them think inside it.

Talk about it at home: *What helps your body and mind become steady?*

TWO MORE WALKS WITH PIP AND MOSS

STORY 4 | BUILD SHELTER AND RECEIVE

The Den with No Roof

Pip and Moss were far from home when heavy rain began. They hurried into their little den, but water slipped straight through the roof. Pip piled leaves on top, yet each gust blew them away. 'I can fix it myself,' Pip said, trying again.

Moss called to two woodland friends. One brought strong sticks and the other carried wide pieces of bark. This time, Pip accepted their help. They built a firm frame first, then covered it with bark and soft moss. Soon the rain tapped above them while everyone stayed warm and dry. Pip smiled. Shelter was not only a place. Sometimes shelter was the help we allowed ourselves to receive.

Talk about it at home: *Who helps you feel safe, and how can you receive their help?*

STORY 5 | OFFER AND LEAVE THE WORLD BIGGER

The Pocket of Seeds

The woodland gardener gave Pip and Moss a small packet of native seeds. Pip imagined a bright patch of flowers beside their own den. On the walk home, however, they passed a bare stretch of path where the rain had washed the soil away.

Moss opened the packet. Together, they planted the seeds along the empty edge, pressed them gently into the earth and carried water from the stream. Weeks later, green shoots appeared. Then came flowers, bees and smiling walkers. Pip and Moss had not kept the colour for themselves. Their small offer had become a gift for everyone who came after them. They had left the woodland a little bigger than they found it.

Talk about it at home: *What small thing could you do to leave a place better?*