

Early Years Newsletter



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NURSERY NEWS

'Favourite Stories and Nursery Rhymes'

This week, we have been continuing along our theme of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have also



been talking about the people who live in their houses. They have created some amazing bears which they have decorated and threaded, showing great fine motor skills and concentration!

The children also worked together to collage some large Bears and Goldilocks using a variety of media and materials. These are on display in Nursery for the children to take great pride in their work. We have had some fantastic creative skills from the children. Well done!



Great enthusiasm has been shown during our Maths sessions this week. They have been counting beads, talking about and recognising numbers, also exploring the Numicon resources.



The children had a fantastic time during their Music session with Miss Bawcutt this week, experimenting with musical instruments and exploring the different sounds they make. Also, extending our theme of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears,' the children have used different instruments with high, medium and low sounds to represent the three bear's voices.



Some children have brought storybooks into Nursery from home which have reflected our current topic of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. They have shown great delight in sharing these books with their friends at story time, which is lovely.

Next week we shall be moving onto the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and once again, would welcome items from home relating to this theme.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is being held on Monday 9th October. Please could parents book an appointment with their child's key person via our online booking system. Mrs Duckers will also be available and you will have the opportunity to speak with her too, should you wish to do so. If any parents are unable to make this date, they are welcome to discuss an alternative date with their child's key person. Thank you.

RECEPTION NEWS

RE and PSHE

Over the last two weeks we have been introduced to two characters in our discussion times - Bertie the Owl and Jenie the Jigsaw. We have spoken this week in particular about emotions. We have identified a range of different emotions and who or what leads us to feeling this way. We came up with many fantastic ideas that we could use to help us when we are feeling sad, bored, cross or just unsure and we are feeling much more positive now about handling these different moods!



Our families

In our Topic lessons we have been talking about who is part of our family, all the lovely things our families do for us and what we do for them. We have been sharing our family pictures with our classmates and thinking about the ways we look after and care for the special people in our lives. We were very lucky to have a visit from a mummy and daddy who spoke with us about family life with children. We had lots of interesting questions to ask them too, including "How do you show kindness to each other" and "When do you spend time together". We enjoyed their visit and were particularly excited to find out the daddy worked at Coventry train station! It's safe to say our questions then went slightly off topic! The teachers are thinking we may need to do a topic on Transport....

What else have we been up to?

We have been applying our phonics learning in our independent and group writing and reading. We are doing brilliantly at repeating the handwriting rhymes to help form our letters correctly. Thank you to all the mummies/daddies/grandparents for supporting us with reinforcing this at home.



We have had a busy week of counting in Maths. We have had socks that were blown off the washing line overnight and so needed sorting back into pairs and put back on the washing line. We had to count them to check none had gone missing! We have had a gingerbread man who unfortunately lost his buttons on the way to school and needed to find them again. We also made a shoe graph to see which was the most popular style of shoe in Reception.



Reminders

Could you please ensure your child brings their reading diary and reading book into school every Tuesday and Friday. This is when we hear your child read and change their reading books.

Homework books are sent home on Friday to complete over the weekend. Could these be returned on Monday in your child's book bag please.

Don't forget wellies every Thursday for Forest Fun.

