

Early Years Newsletter



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NURSERY NEWS

'Favourite Stories and Nursery Rhymes'

Following on from our theme of 'The Three Little Pigs', the children have been experimenting with a range of media and materials whilst making paper plate pigs. They have chosen and made their own spectacular designs and looked at a variety of colours and shading such as dark and light pink. They also decided whether their pig was happy or sad and why they felt this way.



Construction has also continued this week, with children making houses for the pigs, together with a wide range of structures, such as castles and boats. They have enjoyed expressing themselves through their fantastic creations and having an amazing time.



The children have also been experimenting with play dough, beads and Numicon during their Numeracy session this week. Squashing, squeezing and rolling the dough before making patterns with the Numicon shapes and beads. The children counted how many beads they could push into the dough and explored shape and number patterns.



Library Sessions

The children have been thoroughly enjoying their time in the library each week. They have explored the wide range of stories and are enjoying extending their literacy skills, spending time participating in group story time and also looking at books individually. It is wonderful watching the children enjoying the books and stories so much!



Forthcoming things to remember

Next week we shall move onto learning about Harvest time and will also look at the story of 'The Little Red Hen', and how the hen tried to work together with his friends to make bread. It will also be our Harvest Festival celebration. We would appreciate small Harvest offerings and donations of non-perishable food such as tinned, dried and packaged foods. These items can be sent into school from Monday 16th October. Thank you!

Please could you send in waterproofs together with the child's usual wellies for Forest Fun next Wednesday. We plan to have some messy fun carving pumpkins in the forest area and would not want the children to ruin their uniform. If you are not able to provide waterproofs then a spare pair of trousers would be suitable to protect the children's clothing.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to parents for attending our Parents Evening this week, it was a great success and it was lovely to see you all and discuss how well the children have settled at Nursery. Our next Parents' Evening will be on Tuesday 24th April 2018. Please note, this may be a change to the previous date provided during our recent Curriculum Evening.

RECEPTION NEWS

The senses

In Reception over the last two weeks we have been learning about our senses and how we use them. We have completed a range of activities linked to this including exploring a feely bag using our hands and our feet and investigating a range of different food types using smell, sound and taste. The children were excited to find out this included chocolate! They came up with some super descriptions of the items and we got some well-timed snaps!



We have also thought of ways to care for our hands, eyes, hearing, teeth and gums. We were lucky enough to have some parent visitors to talk with us about different parts of the body - a dentist, a physiotherapist and a reflexologist.

The teachers were very excited about the latter in particular! Unfortunately only the children experienced the treatments... We learnt lots about the muscles in our body, how to build strength in different parts of our body, how our teeth will change over time and how to care for our teeth and gums now.



The children applied what they have recently learnt on the senses during Forest Fun at the Memorial Park, where we investigated the area using all of our senses. Children made woodland perfume, tasted apples from the apple tree, matched natural objects to colour swatches, went on a sound walk and hugged some trees (to say thank you for all they do for us!). Both the adults and children are enjoying this precious outdoors time and, most importantly, building an understanding of the importance of caring for and taking responsibility for the environment they live in.



Could we please remind you that after half term, children will need their full Forest Fun kit every Thursday, as stated on the letter sent out at the end of September.