

Welcome Nursery Parent and Carers

Term 3 weeks 1 & 2

Topic: Nursery Rhymes

We have been settling back in after Christmas and getting to explore all our favourite resources and materials. The Nursery staff have been very impressed at our ability to come back after time at home with families without any tears. Our theme for this term is based around Nursery rhymes and this week we have focussed on 'Humpty Dumpty' and 'Tommy Thumb'. We have sang different rhymes, had bucket time with splatting egg shells and used plasters to put Humpty Dumpty back together again. Our fine motor skills have been coming along brilliantly and this is helping us to be able to hold our pencils correctly and control mark-making tools when we draw and write. We are looking forward to learning more Nursery Rhymes in the coming weeks and becoming more familiar with our new book 'Each Peach Pear Plum'.



In Maths....

This term we will be having a stronger focus on recognising numbers 1-5 and 6-10. We come back into the Nursery room and been able to practising counting lots of different things including bears, cubes, cookies and sea creatures. We have had a focus on the number 3 what this looks like and counting out amounts to 3, remembering to STOP when we get to this number. We explored different ways we could make 3 with 3 coloured cubes.



In mark-making...

We have been drawing and painting lots on our return to Nursery. We have drawn books for our families with different characters and pre-letter shapes to represent the words. We have also been introduced to the 'm' sound this week and how to form this, practising with our rainbow pens, the classroom adults have been impressed at our ever-increasing control when we trace or copywrite letters. In the coming weeks you may see us practising our name tracing on the carpet at registration time!



We have had some very exciting visitors to the classroom this week. Farmer Steph has given us a special job of looking after her eggs for the next 3 weeks. They are currently in an 'incubator' (a new word we learnt) to keep them warm and to turn them regularly just like a Mummy hen would do. We will watch as they start to hatch in the next fortnight and then be able to care for them before returning them to the farm.



Home challenge of the week:

We would love you to be practising recognising the numbers 1,2,3,4 and 5 with your children at home. We have suggested some ways to make this fun at home:

- Quick flash of numbers written on bits of paper.
- Placing them around the room and getting them to run to the number you call out.
- Placing them on the floor and getting them to jump on the number called out or splat with a cushion, fly swatter etc.
- Picking up the numbers written on cards and posting them in the matching boxes, in the matching bowls and saying the word aloud.

Any type of practise helps to consolidate what we are teaching in Nursery and we are very grateful. 😊