Dear Families,

Here we are on the last day of our first half term of 2020! It has been a fantastic few weeks as we have welcomed new faces and enjoyed lots of wonderful activities and experiences. The children have particularly enjoyed their sessions in the specialist practical room, baking jam tarts and gingerbread men. They have also had lots of fun during our dance sessions in the studio with Georgia each Friday morning. We are so lucky to have these great resources and opportunities available to us in Nursery.

Our Talk for Writing sessions this week have concentrated on action words as we worked together to change some of them in our instruction text. The children had some great ideas, deciding that we should stretch the dough instead of rolling it and that flipping the tarts in the tin was much more exciting than simply putting them in! They also thought of some great actions to accompany their new word choices. Next half term, we are going to brave the wild animals of 'Dear Zoo' as our new chosen text.

In Maths, we have been hiding groups of dragons in different combinations and thinking about the different ways that we can separate a group of objects, while recognising that the total remains the same. We have also continued to closely monitor our beanstalks- they seemed to shoot up over the last weekend!

The Afternoon Harriers enjoyed spending time with Mr Parker again this week as he helped us to make some simple rain collectors to go in our outdoor area. Our morning children also got a chance to make one on Thursday. We are looking forward to seeing how much rain they collect. We do not expect to be disappointed with our current run of soggy weather! Other activities this week have included making dragon eggs with balloons, having a tea party outside for the three bears, using our knowledge of positional language to complete a fairy tale treasure hunt and trying to stop the Big Bad Wolf eating Peppa Pig! So, when you ask your Little Harrier what they did at Nursery and they tell you 'Nothing...' you can ask them about these activities!

Thank you so much to Maisie and her mum for donating some more fabulous toys again. We love the babies! We also had a fabulous donation of Peppa Pig toys from Mrs Buckley's family. Peppa has proved very popular this week.

Finally, Birdie is ready to take flight again! After careful consideration, he has decided that he would love to spend the weekend with Madeleine! Always smiling and with a wonderfully positive attitude, Madeleine is one of our more recent members of Nursery who currently attends in the afternoons. Well done, Madeleine- enjoy your weekend!

Dates for your diary:

Half term holiday- 17th -21st February. We return to nursery on Monday 24th February.

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day- dress as a character from your favourite book!

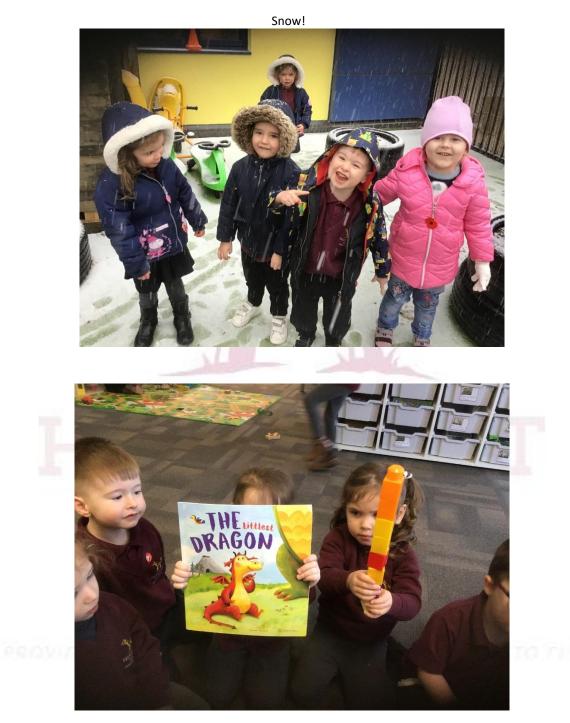
Wishing you a great weekend,

Mrs Blackshaw, Mrs Buckley & Miss Imran 😳

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<u>Home learning</u>- the children will be bringing their bean plants home for the holiday. We would love to see how they grow at home! Maybe you could measure them together and see how much they grow during the half term?



We have been using bricks to vote for our favourite story, placing our brick on our chosen book then counting them up to see which book got the most votes!

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