

## Nursery Newsletter 17 - 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Families,

We have had such a busy week. Everyone is settling in beautifully and lots of new friendships are forming. It is wonderful to see the children getting to know each other and engage in some wonderful play opportunities!

We began our week with a letter from Wanda the Wicked Witch arriving on Mrs Blackshaw's desk on Monday. She told us that she had hidden all of our fairy story books and we had to solve her tricky clues to find out which books had gone missing. The children were easily able to recognise some of their favourite stories from the clues so we soon recovered them all. Wanda really is quite kind-hearted and not at all wicked so she left us a lovely new copy of 'Each peach pear plum' as a reward for all of our hard work. Thank you, Wanda! The children have really loved getting to know this book already. We have our story map in place and have decided on our actions to support our retelling. As always, you will see it soon on Tapestry! Next week, we will start to think about how we can innovate the text. We have already been exploring some rhyming words to help us with our task.

In our Maths work, we are continuing to ensure that all children gain confidence with their developing number recognition and understanding. We have explored the different ways in which numbers might be represented, such as dots, fingers or counters on a frame. We are also continuing to develop the links between numbers and the numerals used to represent them.

In our Sounds session, we have been playing 'I spy' as we explore 'p'. Some of the children enjoyed a walk around the school trying to either spot this letter in print or find things that might begin with the sound. The children are also practising a 'Mr Tongue' story each day to help them with the skills needed to articulate sounds as their speech and language development moves forward.

On Friday, we braved the chilly weather to visit our recently planted bulbs with Mr Parker. Can you believe they are growing already? Mr Parker hopes to regularly take us out to measure them and check how our blooms are coming along! We will also be enjoying a dance session each Friday morning now in our fabulous dance studio. Lots of opportunities to develop our movements, sense of rhythm and enjoyment of music!

### **Dates for your diary:**

Just a reminder that the Crazy Hair day shown on your calendars will NOT be taking place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January-** we hope to enjoy a little Chinese food tasting activity in nursery, including noodles and crackers. We also hope to try some peaches and plums as some of the children are intrigued and do not think they have tried them before! We will be able to show you the items prior to serving them. Please could you let Mrs Blackshaw or Mrs Buckley know if you have any concerns about your child participating for any reason. Thank you.

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A huge thanks for the donated items we have received over the last couple of weeks. Lots of dinosaurs from Archie, puzzles and wooden toys from Maisie, even a car for outdoors thanks to Ava and Harris! We really appreciate your donations and can assure you the children do too!

Finally, Birdie is ready to take flight again! He has watched carefully from his comfy perch and decided that he would love to visit Dennis for the weekend. Dennis has shown lots of responsible behaviour in nursery, including lining up beautifully, waiting his turn and taking care of the things that he uses. Well done, Dennis. Enjoy your weekend! 😊

Wishing you a great weekend,

Mrs Blackshaw and Mrs Buckley 😊

**Home learning-** Could your child please share their favourite book/story on Tapestry? A picture would be fabulous but if they are keen to do a little retelling, please feel free to film it and post it on the app! We have had a few fabulous contributions already. Keep them coming in!

