

Nursery Newsletter 23- 6th March 2020

Dear Families,

Another full week of fun activities completed! The children have worked hard as always and seem to really be enjoying our animal themed topic and Talk for Writing focus at the moment.

In Talk for Writing this week, the 'Itsy Bitsy Monkey' has undergone a transformation as the children innovated the rhyme. We now have an 'Itsy Bitsy Horse' climbing up a pear tree! The children had a lot of fun experimenting with different animals to change the rhyme and we had some fantastic ideas for accompanying actions. We're still not quite sure how the horse manages to climb the tree though...!

In Maths, the children have been doing some simple problem solving as they have taken small groups of animals to the watering hole, developing their ability to recognise how groups can be separated but the total remain the same. We have also enjoyed fishing for Numicon pieces and continuing to explore ways to use these pieces to create a number.

The afternoon Harriers enjoyed making some monkeys for our display with Mrs Buckley. They have also enjoyed visiting the sheep in the field at the bottom of the car park (through the fence) and serenaded them with an impromptu version of 'Baa Baa Black Sheep!'

Thank you to everyone for the fabulous costumes for World Book Day. It was great to see and hear everyone's enthusiasm about their favourite stories and characters. The Little Harriers also joined the rest of the school in a special assembly and we were very proud of the way they were able to sit and listen for a significant period of time throughout the assembly. Well done, Little Harriers! In the assembly, we learnt all about 'Share a Million Stories'. Information about this came home yesterday and there is more on the World Book Day website:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/share-a-story/>. It reiterates how important it is for children to read and listen to stories. The idea of the campaign is that children will read or listen to a story every day. They have a little chart to keep record of how many stories they enjoy and then this feeds into our whole school total which we upload to the World Book Day website. So to let us know your child's weekly total, please let us know the weekly number of stories you share via Tapestry or in person and the staff will transfer this to the class total and then we will collate these to give our whole school total. Together with all other schools and organisations, we are hoping to share one million stories by the end of March!

Birdie is back. We were very pleased to see both Madeleine and Birdie back fit and well this week. He has been watching from his roost and has decided that he would love to go and visit Lij this weekend. Our current British value is 'Tolerance' and this is something that Lij shows in abundance as he always waits patiently for a turn to act in an activity and shows a great understanding that he might sometimes need to wait a little while to do something. Lij is especially great at putting up his hand and waiting to tell us all his news! Well done, Lij. Have a great weekend!

Dates for your diary:

Friday 13th March- Sports Relief Mile. This will take place around the school field, weather permitting, in the morning. Could children please wear sporty clothing if possible, such as tracksuit bottoms, along with wellies if you have them. Keep getting your sponsors! Thank you.

Wednesday 18th March- 8.45-10.00am- Mum's Stay and Play session

Friday 3rd April - Easter Bonnet Parade- to be held in the hall at 9.00am.

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Coronavirus: Please take the time to read the information that was emailed to you earlier this week. We are currently receiving daily email updates from the Department of Education as well as our Head of Health & Safety for REAch2 so we will keep you updated with any new information. The main message for schools at this time, is good hand washing routines to prevent the spread of infection. Please see attached flyer that reiterates the key messages from the newsletter sent earlier in the week and do your very best to support it, especially getting the children to wash their hands before leaving the house. Mrs Bradbury and Mr Parker, our cleaning staff, have been working additional hours to disinfect throughout the school, including laptops, ipads and curriculum resources to ensure the highest level of hygiene.

Home learning- please continue to share any photos you may have of your children with their pets, or perhaps on a visit to the zoo. Alternatively, they may like to share their own picture of their favourite animal.

We are also going to explore some simple shapes and patterns next week, so pop a photo on should you come across any on your travels. Thank you!

Wishing you a great weekend,

Mrs Blackshaw and Mrs Buckley 😊

