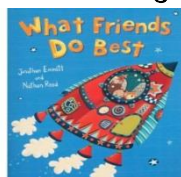


Term 1 topic- Who am I?

Our story of the week- 'What Friends Do Best' by Jonathan Emmett and Nathan Reed.



Our newsletter is to keep you updated with everything that is going on in class and for you to talk to your children about what they have been learning and experiencing in school each week.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- Jigsaw aims to prepare our children for life, helping them to really know and value who they are and understand how they relate to other people in our ever changing world. This week in Jigsaw we have been learning to work together and to consider other people's feelings. We began with listening to a chime and enjoying a Calm Me time. This week we have been learning about respect. Respect is one of our school rules - Respect for ourselves, each other and the resources around school.

Following our story of the week we have been thinking about how we can work together, for example to complete activities or to build something together. We have also been using our listening skills, concentrating on taking turns with our friends as we play together and remembering to say 'please' and 'thank you'.

Communication and Language- We have continued our discussions about ourselves this week and thought about how to be a good friend. Thank you for your participation in sticker homework this week. The children were so keen to tell us during key group time about what you had told them they like to do with their friends. We enjoyed talking about what Barnaby Bear had been up to. How exciting!

Physical Development- We love being active at outside time and enjoyed using the trike and sand bikes. We have also been making balance scales out of long pieces of wood and using this as a catapult to fly small (soft) things into the air. Our daily 'dough disco' is helping us to listen, follow instructions and develop our fine motor movements. Next week we will start 'squiggle while you wiggle' which is going to be great fun and will develop our gross motor control. On Friday we enjoyed going to the woods in our wellies. We apply our fine motor skills as we explore play dough, slime, handwriting, cutting, using chalks, water and paint brushes outside and use various building and constructing toys.

Literacy- Following the completion of the statutory baseline this week, we began our daily phonics lessons. In bookbags, you will have received a sheet letting you know the phonemes (sounds) we have been learning. Please practise these with your children at home. We encourage the children to say the rhyme as they write the letters. We are learning the sounds to help us to begin reading and writing.

We continue to look at a variety of fiction and non-fiction books and share them with our friends in key group time. Please remember to share the library book with your child at home.

Mathematics- We are continuing to develop our mathematical skills daily. We practise counting in 1s to 20; recognising our numbers to 10; counting up to 10 and back down again; saying what

is one more than a given number. This week we have been practising counting objects to 10 using one to one correspondence. We have also been looking at 2D shapes and describing their properties.

Understanding the World- We have begun to spot lots of changes in the world about us. The woods look different each week as the leaves change colour and begin to fall! Mrs Howell has been collecting lots of conkers and acorns for us to play with and experiment which will roll down the tubes best.

Expressive Arts and Design- We were very busy on the art table this week. We had fun painting using cotton buds and also enjoyed finger painting the sound 'a'. We have begun singing our Harvest songs ready for our performance. Put the date in your diary - It's going to be fun!

Supporting learning at home

- Challenge your child to dress themselves and to put on their coat and fasten their shoes!
- Can you remember and write down all the sounds you have learnt so far ('m', 'a', 's', 'd')?
- Can you spot these letters in your library book?
- Find something autumnal to put on the investigation station in our classroom.
- Practise holding your pencil correctly when writing and drawing.

Notes for next week 10.10.22

- Coats and water bottles to be in school every day.
- Friday is woods day. Please ensure your child has a coat and wellingtons in school. If your child likes to climb trees please ensure their legs are covered.
- Date for your diary - Harvest Celebration on Wednesday 19th October at 2:30pm in the school hall.
- Remember to have your child's library book in school on Monday ready to swap it over.

Have a lovely weekend!