

Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 06.11.23

Term 2 topic- Tell me a story

Our story of the week- 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'
Remembrance Day!



Another busy week in school!


We have been carrying out some lovely activities around the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- We continue to be Ready, Respectful and Safe in our classrooms and around the school. We are a chatty bunch and sometimes need to be reminded about how to come into the classroom after break time in a sensible way, but we are learning! We know it's fine to be different from our friends. In our Jigsaw lesson this week, we have been listening to our friends about what they are good at. We know that we are ALL good at something, but nobody is good at everything!

Communication and Language- We have had some wonderful discussions this week! We were very surprised to find some bear footprints around our classrooms we very much enjoyed our story of the week. We discovered some porridge oats and decided the bears had left them for us to make porridge! We have really enjoyed using masks to act out the story of 'Goldilocks' and getting into character. We also thought of alternative things the characters might say for our speech bubbles. We also like to chat to our friends and the adults in the school about all sorts of things, including what we did at the weekend. Goldilocks' was scared of the 3 bears in our story, so we enjoyed talking about what we are scared of.

Physical Development- We carry out a variety of activities to help us with our fine and gross motor skills. We use a multitude of malleable materials which make our fingers nice and strong. The oats and water were particularly popular this week and we also loved spooning dry oats onto bowls. We love our outside times and use the space in many different ways e.g. running around with our friends and acting out different scenarios; kicking, throwing and catching balls; hitting small balls using bats and hockey sticks, and using hoops in different ways. In our PE lesson this week we practised following rules when playing games. We loved playing duck, duck goose and tag.

Literacy- It has been great fun exploring 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We have acted out the story and painted a picture of our favourite scene from the story. We are trying so hard with our phonics and we have nearly taught all the single letter sounds. Everyone has a green sounds book in their phonics folders so please use this as flashcards to practise the sounds learnt so far. We have read stories with characters who have been a good friend to others and been kind. There are always a variety of books in our book corner and we love to share them with our friends. We are always excited to change our library books every Monday.



Mathematics- This week we have counted forward and back to 20, ordering numbers to 10 and practised forming numbers 1-3 and have looked at the composition of number 3. Ask us about how we show this with our bunny ears. We have also looked at mathematical language this week linked to our story of the week – big, small and medium sized. We sorted the bowls, beds and chairs for Mummy bear, Daddy bear and Baby bear.

Understanding the World- Using the porridge oats left for us by the bears, we enjoyed making and tasting porridge. We talked about how things change as you cook and heat them up. Goldilocks also made 1 bowl sweet, 1 bowl salty and 1 bowl 'just right!' We loved tasting the porridge to find out which was which. We talked about whether Goldilocks should have gone into the 3 bears house and this led us on to the topic of stranger danger.

Expressive Arts and Design- We have been showing off our creativity again this week! We did some lovely watercolour painting of scenes from our story and we are really enjoying our craft area. This week, our role play area has been turned into a hairdressers and we are loving restyling each other's hair. We know that we use our fingers as pretend scissors. No real scissors are allowed!

Supporting learning at home

- Ask your child to retell the Goldilocks story using the different voices. Why not make some stick puppets to use?
- Practise forming your numbers 1-3. Look out for number formation sheets in your child's book bags.
- Practise the sounds in your green sound book.

Notes for next week 13.11.23

- From next week, we will need to use our hall time to practise our Nativity play, so there will be no PE until after Christmas. The children will still be accessing the physical curriculum through our provision. Children to wear school uniform until further notice please.
- Monday 13th November is odd socks day to celebrate our differences in aid of anti-bullying week.
- Next week we will be learning about Diwali. If you have any resources for this at home, we would love to share them.
- You might have noticed that Ms Clarke is helping out in Laurel class. This will be until Christmas and in the meantime, Mr Collins will be joining us in Blossom.
- We also are very fortunate to have Miss Haynes help out in our class on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Have a lovely weekend!