

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Friday 28th September 2018

A good week in nursery with the children settling in well, becoming more and more familiar with the daily routines and making relationships with each other and with staff. It's hard to imagine they have only been with us for a few weeks.

This week and in the coming weeks we will be focusing on learning Nursery Rhymes as in previous weeks we have noticed there are lots of traditional rhymes the children don't know. Research shows that children who are introduced to rhythm and rhyme at an early age do well as they progress through school especially in Reading. Nursery Rhyme CD's can be picked up quite cheaply in shops like Home Bargains or B & M. There are also lots of videos on the internet if you need reminding of the tune yourself! Traditional rhymes include :

- Incey Wincey Spider
- Baa Baa Black Sheep
- Hickory Dickory Dock
- Humpty Dumpty and so on

Counting is part of our every day provision. After doing the register we count together how many children are in and clap as we count. We also represent the number on the whiteboard for all the children to see and write a tally underneath. In this way the children can see how number can be represented in different ways. We talk about if one more child comes in how many will we have and if someone is off poorly how many will we have? By solving number problems in this way the children will become familiar with lots of maths vocabulary they will need as they develop and progress.

At the beginning of the session, as it is a busy time, if your child does have older brothers or sisters if they can wait by the door this would reduce the amount of people in the small entrance area. Thanks for your understanding with this. Allow your child to find their own name and picture to place on their peg as it makes them familiar with what their name looks like which will then impact on them learning to write their name. We will be making name cards for the children to access during the school day so they can begin to write their name by copying.

A reminder about registering your child for their Reception place next September. If you are having any problems with this please let me know.

Thanks for supplying your emails for the **2Simple** parent contact to be put in place. Once your details are registered you will be sent a link to click and then I can start sending the photographs. This is a lovely way for you to see what your child enjoys doing.

A reminder snack money is £1 per week, the snack money box is by the door as you enter nursery.

Enjoy your weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back in nursery next week. Let's hope the good weather continues!