Dear Parents / Guardians,

Fr1day 10th January 2020

Welcome back to the new term. We hope you had a good Christmas and wish you and your families a *Happy New Year*.

The children have settled back into Nursery routines quickly and easily and it is amazing to see how much they have grown over the last few weeks. Friendships have been renewed and new ones being made each day which is lovely to see.

A reminder that the online admission form for children starting school in September needs to be completed. (Children who have turned three since September 2019 will spend a second year in Nursery.) The forms were given out in October but if you still have not registered your choice of school for your child for September the *One Stop Shop* on Derby Lane can help you submit your details online or speak to a member of Nursery Staff and we will try and make time to support you. (You will need an email address.)

Our big book this week was based around number. Number 1 was a story of a boy who had one glass of milk, one bowl of cereal, one egg and one slice of toast to make one big breakfast. Number 2 was information text and photographs of animals with two "transparent" wings, two tusks, two horns and so on. Number three was the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. Number four was another story about animals, this time we counted 4 legs, 4 wings and so on. Number 5 involved action words and rhyming words.

This book shows how much learning comes from reading a good book! Lots of new vocabulary was introduced and previous learning revised (e.g the word transparent).

Most children choose a new library book daily. If you do need another bag as you have lost it please let us know. Sharing a book is one of the best ways of supporting your child in their learning especially at such a young age.

In the coming weeks we will be taking small groups of children to Asda to buy ingredients for baking and also for healthy snacks for our snack table. This gives the children an opportunity to think about what we need, write a shopping list and then look for these items in the shop whilst reading from our list and looking at labels. Learning opportunities for counting and recognising numbers as well as handling money is also available. Carrying the shopping back to Nursery introduces the language of weight, heavier and lighter etc. We are also planning on walking to the local park as well as using the school minibus to visit parks further away and visit Old Swan library.