

# Our Nursery Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

8th October 2021

Our Big Book this week was "Where is Marmaduke". The book introduced the children to different types of positional language. Marmaduke is a bear who is found in lots of different places!

Vocabulary included

- In front of
- Behind
- Under
- On top of
- Next to
- Through

This vocabulary is also included in the WellComm Speech and Language Assessments. Once they are complete I will print out a copy of what we are working on in Nursery to progress your child's language skills. "Where's Spot?" by Eric Hill can be watched on YouTube, this is a similar book which covers similar vocabulary.

In the outdoors we built using the large wooden blocks, structures which the children could travel "through" on the wheeled toys. This involved lots of trial and error but we got there in the end! Have a look at the Nursery Twitter page for photographs.

In Maths (alongside counting at every opportunity) the children have been investigating length. This included making long and short snakes with the playdough and comparing them so we could order from shortest to longest. We cut the long, paper coloured straws into shorter lengths and painted long and short stripes with the roller paints onto very long strips of wallpaper. These activities also develop fine and gross motor skills.

In RE we have been thinking about what makes a good friend and how playing with our friends makes us feel happy. The children have amazed the staff with how quickly they have built up relationships with each other. Sharing and turn taking is a big focus especially at this time of year and the children are progressing well with this.

A big thankyou to Mrs Ellison for helping out in Nursery this week. She said she couldn't believe how quickly the children have settled into school and how they are following our routines and rules.

Lauren (the health promotions worker), from Stoneycroft Children's Centre will be visiting Nursery after half term to talk to the children about the importance of looking after their teeth. If your child has brought home a form to be filled in please return it as soon as possible.

A reminder to make sure your child has their Book Bag each day so they can take home a different story book. Sharing a book together is one of the best ways to increase your child's vocabulary and develop their speaking and listening skills.

Many thanks for your support,

Nursery Staff