

# Our Nursery Newsletter



26th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to speak to you this week. I have sent out a Parent Feedback form if you are able to write a few comments about how you feel your child has settled into Nursery and how they are progressing. I also appreciate your comments sent through "EvidenceMe". As I mentioned to you your feedback will be added to your child's Learning Journey Book which they will bring home at the end of the year.

Our Big Book this week was "Farm 1,2,3". This covered a lot of our current Maths curriculum as well as reinforcing vocabulary introduced earlier in the term. Immediately one of the children was asking were any of the animals "nocturnal" and about the hens "pecking" the grass. Within the environment we sorted the animals into those which live on the farm and those which are found in the jungle or at the zoo. As last week, we discovered those animals which had a pattern and those which didn't. Whilst reading the book, open ended questions were asked such as, "I wonder what the Mummy dog is saying to the puppies?" "Why do you think the duck has put his head in the water?" Actions were specified, "What is the pig doing?"-Rolling in the mud. One little boy said that one sheep was "escaping" from the field. Story time is a good time for listening but also for "talking". The children are doing really well at listening to each others ideas and remembering vocabulary that has been introduced in earlier weeks. There was lots of counting in the book which enabled me to model one to one counting. Some animals were hiding "behind" or "under" objects. This again reinforced positional vocabulary. We compared amounts, saying "lots", "more" or "same", "more than", "fewer than", as we compared groups of animals. When playing in the environment with the small farm animal figures we compared sizes and weights, "bigger, little, smaller, tall, heavy" and so on.

We have started learning Christmas songs. In the current climate we will not be inviting parents in to Nursery. We are hoping to record our singing and send it to you via email. I will keep you informed. (A reminder on Friday 10th December it is "Christmas Jumper Day".)

So far our songs include-

- 5 Little Snowmen Standing in a Row
- Pop Bang Crack goes the Christmas Cracker
- Reindeer Hokey Pokey

They can all be found on YouTube if you want to practise them at home with your child.

Kind Regards

Nursery Staff