

# Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Parents

This week we carried on with the book focus of "This is the Bear and the Picnic Lunch" by Sarah Hayes as there was still so much teaching from the book to cover as well as enjoying the story itself. Revising the maths vocabulary of positional language, "Where is the dog?" (**Under** the table) "Where is the bear?" (**Behind** the door) "The boy is sitting **on top** of the window seat." Staff then use this vocabulary with the children wherever they are playing to embed this language. "The car is going **under** the bridge." "You are standing **behind** your friend in the line." As we become more familiar with the story we reinforce the mathematical language of being able to sequence events, "**First.....**" "**Then.....**" "**Finally.....**". During conversations with the children throughout the day staff model vocabulary related to the concept of time, e.g. **morning, afternoon, evening, night time, later, too late, too soon, in a minute, days of the week, day before, day after, yesterday and tomorrow**. The more children hear this language the more they will understand it's meaning and be able to use it themselves.

All staff in school have had a lot of training in recent months around the teaching and learning of vocabulary. The effects of school closures over the last two years has meant that the word gap for some of our children has widened (as they maybe have not had the exposure to vocabulary that school gives them). The importance of daily reading and the vocabulary introduced from sharing books alongside "direct, repeated, thoughtful attention to subject matter vocabulary spaced over time" is crucial to the development of children's communication and language. In recent training it was stated that 80% of 4 year olds need to hear a word 24 times before they are able to use it themselves! In Nursery key words which are introduced are revisited over time and are also displayed within the environment, our lunchtime assistant Mrs Fitzpatrick can also be heard using them if appropriate within her conversations at lunchtime with the children.

A reminder if you need a new school book bag just let a member of staff know. Below is a link about things to think about when reading with your child.

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/d7MAvBnK/IIYDysoZ>

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Take care,

Mrs Riley