

# Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Parents

A reminder tomorrow is World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as a story book character if they wish or in their own clothes if they don't want to dress up. Mrs Riley is hoping to dress up as "The very hungry caterpillar" which is her favourite book and Mrs Fitzpatrick has said she likes books about pirates so may wear a pirate costume! Children can also bring in their favourite book from home if they would like to but please write their name on the inside cover so it doesn't get mixed up with other books.

The children enjoyed Pancake day on Tuesday. We made playdough pancakes which we flipped in the frying pans from the "house" making sure they were the right size, not too **big** or not too **small** to fit properly. When flipping we made sure the pancakes did not go too **high** or too **low**! We "whisked" flour, eggs and milk to make pancakes to eat, being able to watch the changes which occurred as the mixture cooked on the pancake maker. The children were shown how important it was to follow the recipe so the correct measurements were used otherwise the mixture would not be right. The children as usual were amazing and listened carefully as it was explained how hot the pancake maker would be as it cooked the pancakes and all stayed a safe distance away. "Eating independently and learning how to use a knife and fork" is within the Physical Development section of the Early Years Curriculum and it is always interesting to see the different stages the children are with this skill. Being able to spread onto the pancake is also a skill in itself which some children find difficult. We do try to support these fine, motor skills as often as we can within Nursery activities. The story of "Mr Wolf's Pancakes" can be found on YouTube. We compared this to the story of "The Little Red Hen" which we had read previously. Mr Wolf asked his friends to help him make the pancakes but they all said no, until the end when they wanted to help eat the pancakes. It has a very surprising ending! One we definitely were not expecting. Ask your child can they tell you what happened to Mr Wolf's friends!

The children are really developing a love of books and it is a pleasure for staff to spend time with the children in our book area or observing children sharing books with their friends throughout the day. Booktrust states "Sharing stories, books and rhymes promotes strong and loving relationships and secure attachment". Realising how busy everyone's lives are, finding time to share a book is so valuable not only to encourage a love of reading and develop vocabulary but also to "be in the moment" with your child.

The majority of children bring their book bag daily to Nursery to choose a new book to take home. Staff do keep track of children who do this. Just one or two children have not changed their book recently. please let us know if you need a new book bag, it is no problem.

A reminder that the Nursery uniform states shoes or trainers must have straps and not laces. Thanks for your support with this.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Take care

Mrs Riley