

Nursery Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Big Book focus this week was "Day and Night Animals" which had a repetitive text (as previous books) which makes it easy for the children to join in each time the text is read. As the book is read, the text is pointed to so the children are able to make the connection that print has meaning. Maybe when reading books at home point to the text as you read so the children are aware this is telling you what to read. Talking about the picture on each page will also develop vocabulary, "Tell me what you can see?", "Who is?", "Where is?", "What is?", "how do you think s/he is feeling?" and so on are all ways of developing your child's use of and understanding of language. "Story time" in Nursery is a time not only to develop listening skills but also for developing language when the children are invited to talk about and remember what happened in the book. The local library is "Old Swan Library" on Prescot Road just before Queens Drive if you have never visited. It is open Monday and Tuesday from 10am-6pm, Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am – 4pm. We will arrange a visit there as a Nursery group in the Spring Term but in the meanwhile if you are not already a member, they have a lovely selection of children's books you can borrow. You can join online or visit in person with proof of your name and address to join. You can then start borrowing books immediately. Please let me know if you need any help with this. The library staff are very welcoming and it is an opportunity to foster a love of books at an early age which will hopefully stay with your child for life. So much research has shown that reading and storytelling with babies and children promotes brain development and imagination, develops language and emotions, and strengthens relationships. All of us have now such busy lives, stopping and "being in the moment" with your child whilst reading a books benefits both the carer and the child.

This week's book was a non-fiction book so gave us information about which animals we would see at night and which animals we would see in the day time. Discussion also involved how the animals are different, some are covered in feathers some are covered in skin, hair, fur and so on.

Following on from reading "Owl Babies" last week, within maths we compared sizes/lengths of twigs and branches that some children brought to Nursery. We knew that Bill needed the "shortest" twig as he was the "smallest" owl and Mummy needed the "longest" branch as she was the "tallest, biggest" owl. Counting the branches, we checked if we had enough for each owl to have a branch.

A new song introduced this week was [Peter Taps with One Hammer - YouTube](#)

Take care,

Mrs Riley