

# Nursery Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Big Book focus this week was "Farm 1 2 3" written by Rod Cambell. This book was chosen as it is written by a well-known children's author who writes books which engage young children and also it gave the opportunity to model one to one counting. "Stating one number for each item in order", is something we are working on this term. Showing "finger numbers" up to 5 whilst singing number songs is something else the children are working hard at, (1 2 3 4 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive, 5 Currant Buns in the Baker's Shop, Peter Taps with One Hammer are all songs which encourage this). The farm set has been added to the small world area. Staff play alongside and chat to the children about the animals and how they are different including the noises they make. Story time has ended with singing "Old Macdonald has a Farm" which included all of the animals in the story, the problem was what noise does a rabbit make? We decided we would twitch our nose as rabbits are very quiet! Within the book there are animals hidden on each page so it also embedded earlier work we have done on positional language, behind, under, next to and so on.

Thank you so much to all who were able to send photographs of your child either with their family or at a special event. To coincide with this we added to the environment a new maths resource of different coloured houses containing a family of 6 including a dog! (Great opportunity at tidy up time to check each house still had a family of 6. How many are missing?) This gave the opportunity to chat about our families, who lives with us in our house, who has a dog etc. The general speaking and listening skills of the children are progressing well as they realise we need to listen when someone else is talking. It was good for the children to find out that everyone's family is different and we all have different numbers of people in our family. It was useful also for the children to find out about the staff's families as I do think the children think we live in school.

Trays of sand were used by the children to mark make in and draw freely. Some children were "writing" the first letter of their name using their name cards to copy from or after seeing it modelled by a member of staff.

We have had three new children joining us recently and more will start in January (though these children will be in Nursery for a second year as they will have just turned 3). A big thank you to our current children for making our new children feel welcome and showing them the routines of Nursery. We are very proud of you, well done!

A reminder that on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November in the school hall at 3:15pm there is a £1 cake and coat sale. If you have any coats that are no longer worn but as good as new please donate them by dropping off at Nursery or the school office by Thursday at the latest next week.

Many thanks,

Mrs Riley