

Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

A busy week in Nursery. Today we are hoping for a visit from staff at Chester Zoo talking with the children about being "Safari Explorers". I am sure they will tell you all about it. We had lovely comments made by Georgia from YogaBears this week saying how impressed she is with the children's progression in listening, concentration and most of all yoga skills since her first session with us. Also each session has been longer than the previous showing the children's engagement and enthusiasm. Photos will be added to our Nursery Twitter page @stannestanley1. If you do not have a Twitter account they can be viewed on the school website on our class page.

In maths the focus has been to **"Develop fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising')"**. **Point to small groups of two or three objects: "Look, there are two!"** Occasionally ask children how many there are in a small set of two or three. This statement has been taken directly from the EYFS Curriculum for 3-4 year olds. A nice activity to support this at home is to have three cups turned upside down with 1, 2 and 3 objects hidden underneath, e.g. grapes, strawberries, sweets, swap the cups around and ask your child to find 2, or 1 or 3. Also maybe scrumple up three pieces of paper and throw them in front of you. What can you see? Maybe, 1 and 1 and 1, or 2 and 1, or 3 (if they land together). This activity is all about being able to see 1 or 2 or 3 without counting. Recent maths training staff had also focused on this idea of subitising. It is an important skill and creates a firm foundation for future maths learning.

Our role play area has been enhanced with "uniforms" showing different occupations which the children have been learning about. A story we read called "When I grow up" led a discussion about what the children would like to be when they are older. The staff shared their ideas from when they were little about what they wanted to be. Within the "Understanding the World" section of our curriculum, a focus is for the children to **"Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history."** Giving children a sense of time and history is a focus within this area, so the children know we were little once, many years ago and in the future they will grow up into adults. Maybe talk with your child about what you wanted to be when you grew up and if you are working does your child know what job you do? By talking about different occupations, new vocabulary is introduced and children encouraged to use it in their speech and play. Opportunities to challenge gender and other stereotypes are also discussed. Thanks to the parents who sent photographs for the children to look at, they are displayed within the Nursery and are used as prompts to develop speaking and listening skills.

A reminder Friday is Red Nose Day and for a voluntary contribution of £1 per family children can wear a red top to school (along with their usual nursery jogging bottoms please). Many thanks for your support with this.

Take care and enjoy the rest of your week.

Mrs Riley

Nursery Teacher

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