

Nursery Newsletter

1/03/2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

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. We realise some children prefer their routine. Mrs Riley is hoping to dress up as "The very hungry caterpillar" which is her favourite book and Mrs Beattie says there are so many books she likes she hasn't decided yet! 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 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.

Our Big Book focus this week is "The Very, Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. The story can be found on YouTube if you would like to listen to it with your child.

<https://youtu.be/75NQK-Sm1YY>

Learning included a focus on days of the week, number, healthy and not so healthy food and most importantly the stages involved in how from a tiny egg, out pops a caterpillar, then a cocoon then a beautiful butterfly. The children were introduced to the word "symmetrical" meaning the same on both sides. We noticed the butterfly's wings were symmetrical and tried to remember this as we drew images of butterflies. At a training course staff attended, "chunky, paint sticks" were recommended for the children to use when mark making due to the lack of pressure needed. "The Works" sells them at £4 for a set of 6. A rhyme we have learnt to go alongside the book, "There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf" can be found again on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/A-zQ82yN68I>

If your child is 4 years old by 31st August 2022 they will move to Reception. The Local Authority will soon send to school a list of names of all children whose parents have applied and been given a place in our Reception Class. If this is something you have not yet done and need help in applying please speak to a member of staff. For those children who turn 4 years old after 31st August 2022 they will remain in Nursery for a second year. Children must be 4 years old by 1st September 2022 to attend Reception.

Warmest wishes

Mrs Riley