

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. 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.

A new song introduced this week was [Ten fat sausages sizzling in a pan - BBC Teach](#) Using the playdough children worked together and made different lengths and thicknesses of sausages to fit in the frying pan we had taken from our role play area counting and checking the number as they added the sausages to the pan.

Also with a Maths focus, children were encouraged to sort a set of different shaped and coloured buttons using the criteria of shape and colour and using the word "not", e.g. red and not red, circle and not circle and so on.

Take care,

Mrs Riley