

Nursery Newsletter



24/11/2023

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, 5 Little Speckled Frogs 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.

Over the coming weeks we will be talking about "Special Times" with the children. Birthdays, holidays, Christmas, visiting family members and so on. If you are able to send any photos of a special time in your child's life they will be displayed to encourage the children to talk about and share their special time with their friends. The photograph can be sent digitally either in response to this email or through the EvidenceMe app, whichever suits you best. I can then print it out.

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.

This week in Nursery the children made their own flapjack using 1 tablespoon of oats, 1 tablespoon of honey and 1 teaspoon of butter, mixing together then placed into a 180' oven temperature for 15 minutes. This activity not only develops fine motor skills and hand eye coordination but also listening, being able to follow simple instructions and turn taking. The children work as part of a small group and show "good waiting" is what is expected. The children will notice how the texture of the ingredients change as they are mixed together then again after it is baked in the oven. Following the visit from the Health Promotions Worker last week concerning healthy snacks containing little or no sugar, the children will be told that as the flapjack has no sugar this would be a healthy snack compared to maybe eating a biscuit or cake.

A big thank you to all who sent in containers we were able to use in junk modelling. After exploring simple instruments the children had great fun making their own using the junk material sent into school.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Riley