

Early Years Newsletter



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NURSERY NEWS



Hello parents!

What a wonderful second week we have enjoyed in Nursery! The children have come in happily and immersed themselves in all the experiences we have offered them.

Forest Fun was hugely successful and this week's story, Goldilocks and The Three Bears, has been a huge hit! Each week, the children will be read a story and then a lot of the learning environment will be set up to follow the theme of the book. This week, we have hidden bears for the children to find in the sand pit, we have had a bear to feed porridge to in the tuff spot and the children have had the opportunity to make and eat porridge (with a choice of sugar or honey to add taste!). They have also threaded bears (a great fine motor skill activity) and size ordered bears through printing, (Numeracy). All of this on top of the usual fun activities has made for a busy and fun week!

I have put photos in this week to show you the result of this hard work and so you can get a little feel of what it looks like in Nursery as some of their work is on display already! The last photo shows our self-registration green bottles. We do these at the start of the day to help the children with their name recognition. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch through Tapestry or in person if there is anything you would like to know. We wish you a happy and restful weekend.



RECEPTION NEWS

A second week has flown by in Reception and we have noticed a difference in the children already. Noticeably trying hard to remember the many new routines that being in a new year group or setting demand, we have been so pleased with pupils who are rising to the challenge of trying to recall what happens when in the day and how that impacts on what they need to be doing or how they need to behave. Fantastic!

For some it has been a very long break and learning to adapt to being asked to join in activities, rather than being self-led, is a big change. Encouragingly, so many have been eager to learn. Very well done children, for starting to make this shift so early on!

This week, we have been continuing to assess Literacy and Numeracy skills and we have been genuinely impressed with the knowledge that your children already have. With these due to be completed today, we will start our topic on 'Marvellous Me' along with Literacy, Numeracy and Topic lessons properly on Monday.

Reading has begun in Reception this week so please do send your child in with a reading book bag on Thursdays so that we can put their book in it. Just as a reminder, books will go home on a Thursday to be returned to us on the Monday. Do look out for the white envelope that accompanies your book, containing sight words, character introductions and pictures.



Tapestry, should be fully accessible to you all now and there will be regular updates, messages and letters put on it so please do check it regularly. Hopefully, you will have seen the information on reading that was sent out on Thursday. If you have any problems logging in, please contact your class teacher. Thank you!

Homework books, will be sent home on Wednesday in preparation for the first handwriting homework of the year. Please do not spend more than 15 minutes on it and if your child is becoming anxious or upset whilst doing it—please stop straight away and simply email your teacher. We do not want any child to embark on extra work unless they are happy to do so. These books are to stay at home.

Wellies will be needed each Friday for Forest Fun and if it is muddy, a waterproof outfit too. We will be using just our area at the bottom of the field to begin with.

Have a good weekend!

Thank you,

The Reception Team

