

Nursery Newsletter

Spring 2 Week 3

Last week we:

- Continued reading 'Bog Baby'.
- Completed our pond artworks. We hope you enjoyed seeing them in the window.
- Continued spotting rhyming words and playing matching games to encourage children to hear rhyme in familiar words. We encourage you to spot rhyming words together at home too when reading.
- Practiced writing the number four using the rhyme "down and over, down some more, that's the way we make a four".
- Used our new mini whiteboards to practice writing our names and numbers using the correct formation.
- Paper mached Bog Babies. This week we will paint and decorate them.
- Compared different sized bog babies and shells using language 'small, big, smaller, bigger, smallest, biggest'.
- Experimented with colour mixing. We had primary colours (red, blue and yellow) laid out and children made predictions before mixing the colours to make colour wheels. The children really enjoyed this activity so we will aim to do some more of this!

This week we:

- Are reading 'A New House for Mouse' by Petr Horacek.
- Will be learning to draw apples to go with our story. We are going to then paint these using apples to stamp the paint on them later in the week.
- Will be learning about how apples grow.
- Will continue talking about animals and their habitats.
- Will be talking about Spring time and be decorating a tree to be used on our season display.
- Will introduce syllables and begin clapping the syllables in words. We encourage you to continue this at home once your child is confident with rhyming.
- Will be doing lots of fine motor activities to help develop our pencil grip!
- Continue using our whiteboards to practice writing our names and numbers with correct formation. The children are making huge progress with this!
- Practice writing the number five using the rhyme "Down and around, then a flag up high, that's the way we make a five."
- Play numeracy games to encourage quick recognition of numerals and numbers e.g. bingo and dominos
- Providing targeted intervention groups for communication and language, fine motor and handwriting (pencil grip and writing name and numbers) and phonological awareness (focusing on rhyme at the moment).

Extra messages:

- On Wednesday we will be going to the hall to watch a puppet show to celebrate World Book Day.
- As it is Book Week children are able to dress up as their favourite character from their favourite book on Thursday 07/03/24.
- Parents are welcome to join us in the nursery on Thursday morning from 8:45 to read a book with their child. If you are unable to make it we will make sure that your child is read a story by a familiar adult in the nursery.
- Just a gentle reminder to encourage the children (wherever possible) to come in by themselves as it gets very crowded in the morning. Could parents please pas on this message to parents also.
- Don't forget to wear PE appropriate clothes on Tuesday (afternoon children only) and Friday for morning PE.
- Can you please ensure that all children have a spare change of clothes in their bag in case of accidents as we no longer a have any spare trousers.

Best wishes, The Nursery Team