



## Nursery Newsletter 3



### Belonging! Goldilocks and the Three Bears

The children have loved this new phase of our term's topic and getting to know the Three Bears characters through story, song and role play in the Three Bears Cottage whilst learning about how families welcome a new baby into the world through religious or non-religious ceremonies. Thank you for sending in all of your christening and welcome to the world photographs, the children have loved seeing and sharing them.

Last Week Included:

- ◇ Self-registration and maths -children put their picture on the 5 frame when they arrive, what can you see? is the frame full/not full, how many more spaces are left? How many will fill it? We encourage the children to subitise rather than count each picture—they do this naturally and form a solid understanding of the value of number this way.
- ◇ Drawing Club book Goldilocks and the Three Bears: new vocab learnt included despair, snooping, exquisite, ravenous, petrified—can your child remember which part of the story we used these words? Can you use the vocab at home in other contexts?
- ◇ Children have been learning about real brown bears—where they live, what they eat, what they do and what features they have to help them draw large scale pictures! This week they will be creating a woodland or cave setting for them to live in!
- ◇ The Big Bear Book Shop—we'd noticed children have been role playing shops linked with the home corner so decided to make one and link it with learning and stories about bears. Children also made mini-bear books to share what they know about bears.
- ◇ Bigger than...and smaller than... children's use and understanding of size vocab is very good however it can be harder to use it in a comparative context. This week children have been encouraged to compare objects to other objects or themselves!
- ◇ The parts of a sunflowers—children explored sunflowers using different tools and compared its parts and using adjectives to describe them
- ◇ Harvesting—children have learnt that in the autumn time food is harvested so that they can be eaten, and seeds can be harvested for springtime to grow flowers.
- ◆ Children have been enjoying their PE lessons. They've learnt how to use the hall safely, sliding, crawling, rolling, and of course dancing but also using the space to act out the Goldilocks story by travelling in different ways and speeds :-)
- ◇ Phonics—pre-reading and writing skills focus on listening to how sounds vary in the environment and how we can make sounds with our mouths. Children used mirrors to create sounds and exercise mouth muscles.



If you have any questions or you feel you could support teaching and learning in school in any way please don't hesitate to get in touch!

# Notes and Reminders:

## Road Safety

As the evening and days are darker we have talked to children about the importance of staying near to adults, walking safely alongside busy roads and crossing them. We know children can be instinctive and increasingly fast so please reach out if you are concerned or your child needs a reminders to be safe from their nursery teachers :-)

## Pacifiers, Dummies, Bottles

Young children are often given these to settle and reassure but as your child grows they can cause damage to teeth and so are discouraged by health professionals from the age of 12months. It is really important to prevent long term damage to teeth and communication problems. If you need support weaning your child off these please reach out so we can help.

**Gentle reminder— I'm so sorry but children aren't allowed to wear nail polish in school so try to remember to remove it before Monday :-)**

## Changes to Staff

From next term Mrs Niblock will be returning to school from Maternity Leave and joining us in the Nursery each Monday. I will be absent on Mondays and working on Fridays instead so sadly this means Miss Howard will no longer be joining us. I'm sure in her role as a supply teacher she will be in from time to time. The children have loved the wonderful activities she brings and her sparkle so i know she will be missed.

## Teddy Bear's Picnic and Thank you!!

Dont forget to bring a teddy bear, or soft cuddly toy to school tomorrow for the Teddy Bear's Picnic! The children have has such a wonderful first term thanks to all of your support with transition and settling into their new setting and school. I know its been a big term but honestly they have really all settled so well thanks to all of your support.

Its so wonderful to see their friendships forming and characters blossoming :-)

**Label Clothes/Water bottles,  
clothes...everything!**

## Parents and Carers

If you have any questions or concerns don't forget you are always welcome to email me or catch me at the end of the day for a quick chat. Please make an appointment if you feel you will need more time