

TERM 1 RECAP

We are so pleased with how well the children have settled into Nursery, they are all so enthusiastic about their learning and engaging in lots of great play. Some interests that we followed, which can be seen on the floorbook update, were map making and pirates, dinosaurs, construction and building sites, police officers and space.

If you have any interests from home we would love to hear about them on the parent contributions section of the online learning journals.

PLAY AND THE SEASONS

This time of year is special for cultural celebrations. We enjoyed learning about Diwali and it would be great if any families that celebrate other festivals/holidays shared it with us so we can learn about it in Nursery too.

With current Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to do a traditional carol concert/nativity. Instead we are planning on creating a festive video to share with our families on the learning journals. We will also be doing festive crafts and having a party.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Our building resilience topic this term is looking on the bright side. We can all look at the same situation from different perspectives. Sometimes the way we think about things that happen to us, can have a bigger impact on our wellbeing than the event itself.

In the Nursery we always discuss situations that have caused conflict, encouraging the children to share their view and listen to others. We will be introducing our talking stick, made by the children, to support this.

MATHS

As well as incorporating maths in our play, this term we will be following the Stockbridge counts topics of the number before and after and numeral recognition.

On our website we have resources to support play and learning at home including ideas for maths:

<https://stockbridgeprimaryschool.wordpress.com/nursery-2020-2021/>

It is very important to develop children's understanding of number and focus on challenging children to prove their understanding rather than moving onto higher numbers and only counting by rote.

LITERACY

During November it is Nursery Rhyme week. We will be creating Nursery rhymes characters, recreating Nursery rhymes in play, playing rhyming games and reciting rhymes. We will also be looking at traditional tales as part of recent interests in familiar stories including The Gingerbread Man. The repetition of these stories helps develop early phonological awareness as well as reading comprehension.

Thank you to all the parents who brought in book donations for the Nursery. We really appreciate your generosity.

OTHER NEWS AND REMINDERS...

Thank you all for the parent consultations with your child's key worker. It has been more challenging to catch up with COVID-19 so we really enjoyed talking to you all.

Pick up is now between 2.30pm and 3pm. Please consider picking up nearer 2.30pm where possible/convenient as, although we want to provide a flexible pick up for families, it can be difficult for Nursery children to wait this amount of time.

We will be saying a sad goodbye to Mr Trainer this term who has an exciting opportunity nearer home. Good luck Mr Trainer!

Miss Howie and the Nursery Team