

Nursery Newsletter

Hatching Chicks

We all enjoyed our recent 'hatching chicks' experience. All of the children in Nursery were able to look at the eggs and chicks and were able to stroke or hold them as they wished. We were very proud of the way the children remembered to stroke and handle the chicks gently. The older children were able to remember lots of chicken facts from our 'Down on the Farm' topic.



Focus on Block Play.

We have recently extended our block play resources in the 3-4 year old room. Block play is a fantastic way of supporting children's learning across the curriculum. Through block play children learn to problem solve, investigate shapes and how to use them, develop their language and communication skills and how to adapt and improve on their ideas. Our new blocks are intended to expand on skills which the children have begun to develop through smaller scale block play in our 2-3 year old room. As you can see, we already have some fantastic architects!



Key Topic Vocabulary

- Bear -Cave
- Teddy - Cub
- Forest - Claws
- Fur -Teddy

Key Texts next Half Term

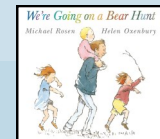
'The Everywhere Bear'

- Julia Donaldson

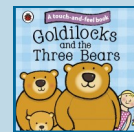


'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.

- Michael Rosen



'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'



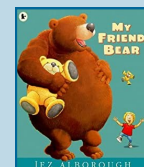
'The Bear who Stared'

- Duncan Beedie



'My Friend Bear'

- Jez Alborough



Transition

During the Summer Term we begin to look ahead to supporting the children to get ready for the next stage of their school journey. It is important that we make this a positive experience so that the children are happy, confident and excited about the next school year. To help them, we will be taking the children in our 3-4 year old room to visit their new classes and meet their new teachers. The Reception teachers will also spend some time in the Nursery reading stories and getting to know the children. We will take the children to the lunch hall and for short walks in the main school building.

To support the children in the 2-3 year old room we will be having a number of 'indoor free flow' sessions which will give them the opportunity to come in and explore the resources in the 3-4 year old room and to get to know the staff a little better.

The Nursery team will spend time sharing information with your child's new teacher. If your child will be going to a different school for Reception, we will be able to do this separately.

There are many useful books to read with your child to help them to get ready for school or Nursery. Below are some which are available to watch online.

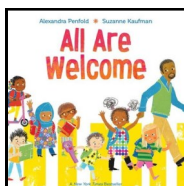
Skills to practise at home

2 Year Olds

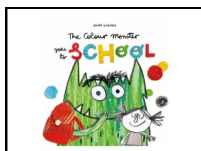
- Toilet training. Using the potty or toilet with less help.
- Recognising their name when it is written down.
- Making their own choices (eg choosing what to wear or between a choice of two snacks).

3 Year Olds

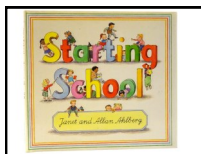
- Writing own name.
- Independently managing all of their own clothing.
- Sharing their thoughts and ideas with others.
- Talking about the words and pictures in books.



'All are Welcome'.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcSAYqHlIRc>



'The Colour Monster goes to School'.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BU5RoqHEYZ4>



'Starting School'
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=En_R0vTmO00



'When a Dragon goes to School'
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_AqhdSRsoY

The National Literacy Trust also has some helpful guides for parents.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/countdown-to-school-or-nursery/>

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/going-back-school-or-nursery/>

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/getting-ready-start-school/>

