

Nursery

NEWSLETTER

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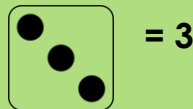
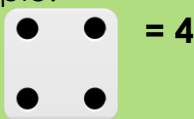
PROUD TO BE, PROUD TO BELONG



Dear Parents,

This week, we have been reading the story of 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?' The children have been listening to the sounds that the animals make in the story and they have been making loud and quiet sounds using the shakers that they made in class. In the Nursery, we are teaching the children to 'subitise.' This is where the children have fast recognition of objects without counting them.

For example:



Please practise this skill at home with your child.

Next week, we will be continuing with our theme of 'Senses' in the Nursery. We will be reading the story, 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?' By Bill Martin Jr & Eric Carle. Please click on the following link to listen to the story; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=paw2RGsDwG0>. We will also be baking bear shaped biscuits.

It is the Chinese New Year on 29/1/25. This year, it is the year of the snake. We will be listening to 'The Great Race' which tells the story of how the Jade Emperor held a race of animals as a way to measure time. The first 12 animals to cross the river would have a year named after them and earn a place in the Chinese Zodiac. Here is a link to the story;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVClAj8q_IY

Appropriate clothing

Please ensure that you send your child to the Nursery wearing appropriate clothing for the weather. While it is warm inside the Nursery, it is very cold outdoors. Please provide your child with a hat, scarf and mittens to keep them warm when learning outdoors. If you are able to, we would really appreciate it if you could sew your child's mittens to elastic and thread them through the arms of your child's coat.



Next week, we will be learning:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- I know some kind words with which to encourage people. This week in the Nursery, we will be learning to say nice things to our friends, so that they feel good about themselves. We will also be talking about how it feels when someone says something unkind to you.

Communication & Language:

- To listen to the story of 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?'

Literacy:

- To distinguish between sounds and to remember patterns of sound. We will be making body percussion sounds. For example; clap your hands, stamp your feet, clap your hands, stamp your feet.
- The letter name and sound 'h'. For example, helicopter, hop, hedgehog. Can you see anything around your home that begins with h? Please bring in an object from home that begins with this letter name/sound.

Mathematics:

- To be able to recite and recognise numbers to at least 5 and then beyond. You could help your child practise counting different sets of objects at home e.g. how many plates there are on the table or how many spoons there are in the drawer. You could also encourage your child to count how many cars pass by as you walk home.
- To be able to subitise and recognise numbers to at least 5, then beyond.

Physical Development:

- To be able to take off and put on a coat independently. We are teaching the children to be as independent as possible in the Nursery. Please encourage your child to put their coat on by themselves at home before going outside.

Expressive Arts & Design:

- We will be baking and decorating bear themed biscuits in the Nursery this week.