

Nursery Newsletter Week beginning 21st January 2018

News

We had a lot of fun during our Treetop Tuesday session this week. Despite the freezing weather we were wrapped up snugly in our puddlesuits and made beautiful natural pictures.

Don't forget it is French Week when we come back to school on 19th February, we are looking forward to enjoying a French Breakfast and participating some French themed activities.

Free-flow

Following the children's interest in construction last week, we extended this activity by setting up a tower building and measuring activity. They have really enjoyed building tall towers, counting the blocks and then exploring measuring tapes and rulers to measure them. The children have also enjoyed a variety of mark making activities such as drawing and writing on thin rolls of paper and using a variety of stencils. The interactive whiteboard has been very popular this week and the children have been particularly engaged in a pattern activity. The children have been working so hard on mastering the use of a knife and fork at lunch time and particularly enjoyed practising with playdough this week.



Mathematics

The children enjoyed an activity of counting and recognising numbers. They were challenged to recognise numbers past 10 and count out the correct number of objects to place in a numbered box. Then we looked at comparing quantities and putting them in order from smallest to largest. We have also enjoyed exploring a maths resource called Numicon.



Phonics

This week in phonics we have been focussing on rhyming words. We played a game of 'Silly Soup', putting in a variety of words and objects which sound the same. We also recapped all of the letter sounds that we have learnt so far. All of the children are doing so well in phonics and were able to come up with lots of good examples of objects to match letter sounds. Encouraging games such as "I Spy" over the half-term holidays will be a great way to maintain their enthusiasm.

Helping at Home

Why not try some concentration games with your little one over the half-term holiday. Concentration for short periods of time is a vital skill for all children to learn in order to make progress. There are lots of fun ways to improve concentration, why not try a memory game such as 'I went to the Supermarket' or 'Kim's Game'- where items are placed on a tray or hidden under a blanket need to be memorised and then listed. Puzzles are also an excellent way to improve concentration. Find an egg timer to use, or the timer function on your telephone and start with small intervals such as 5 minutes and challenge your child to concentrate until the timer goes off. Gradually increase the time intervals.

Have a lovely half-term break

Nursery Team