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Nursery Newsletter

This week we are going to be.....

following on from the children's interests in books and stories sparked by World Book Day and carrying out some literacy activities. The children's costumes were wonderful and they loved telling us about their favourite stories. We shall start by reading unfamiliar stories to the children and see if they can come up with plausible endings for them. This indicates children's familiarity with story conventions and the beginning, middle and end to books. The children draw on their knowledge of other stories to come up with alternate endings before we finish the book and see how close we get. This is quite a good activity to do at home and you may be surprised by your child's imagination.

We shall be making up stories in our groups with adults modelling writing and pointing out that we write from left to right and top to bottom when we write in English. Though it is hoped the stories follow a linear path, they tend to shoot off in all types of weird and wonderful ways with main characters turning from unicorns into pirate ships and the setting suddenly moving from a deep, dark wood to a spaceship. As we talk about the story, the adults will mention principal characters, setting and events.

The children have been doing a good deal of counting of objects over the past months and we shall see if they can count things that can't be touched or moved. Adults will drop objects in a metal container and the children will have to concentrate hard to count the noises as the objects fall in. For those children that require a further challenge, we ask how many if there was one more or one less dropped in.

Though some children enjoy small construction equipment – Lego, Mobilo, Stickle Bricks etc., we do have a large number of children who rarely attempt it so we will be building models in the coming week after showing children how to join different bits of equipment. They will be asked to decide what they want to make before they start and we shall see if it passes through the building phase and emerges intact at the other end.

We are very aware that the toilets are not at their most fragrant but it will require taking up the floor and finding out what the problem is as the ultimate solution. This isn't feasible at the moment so it has been suggested that we have a scented spray fitted high up in each cubicle that gives out a brief spray every 20 minutes. This may help until a permanent remedy is found but we don't want to do this if it effects any of the children – particularly those that are asthmatic. If any parent feels this may be a problem, please let us know. We have been working a little on occupations and would like any photos of parents at work if at all possible. The children who talk about parental jobs say you all drink coffee and play on the computer as well as chat to friends and eat cake.

A serious oversight last week when Lola's birthday on the 5th March was missed off. The staff member involved has been rebuked and we hope that is all water under the bridge.

Finally, it's very heartening to see how many children are going to be watching the Lincoln v Yeovil game on the iFollow app. When those children that were watching it were allowed to go and play first, only 3 remained sat down.