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Nursery Newsletter

This week we are going to be...

following the example of the Great British Bake Off and having a theme week. Our first theme week of the year is going to be We Are Going On A Bear Hunt. With autumn having kicked off its slippers and settled down in the best chair by the fire, we are going to combine a Bear Hunt around our field and wooded areas with looking at signs of autumn. This combines work on Literacy and Understanding of the World with the children being encouraged to use observational skills and starting to be scientists.

We will be having a sitting down, sensory Bear Hunt. A number of covered trays with different aspects of the walk will be made available and the children will have to use their sense of touch to guess what part of the Bear Hunt they are experiencing. As well as recall of the story, the children's language skills will be developed as they attempt to describe what they can feel.

As part of Expressive Arts and Design, the children will draw their favourite scenes from the story. This gives us the opportunity to assist the children's Physical Development as we show them the best way to hold a pencil.

Finally, the children will be given pictures from the story and we will see if they can correctly sequence them. As well as fostering their Literacy skills, this aids Mathematical development as they put them in the correct order.

A reminder that the school photos will be taken on Thursday 18th, the same day as the Curriculum evening. The Nursery children always go first before they can destroy their clothing with mud, paint and bodily fluids. Tiger and Goldie, the African land snails have settled in well but could do with a holiday during half term if anybody would like to look after them. Mrs Gallacher is our snail expert and would be very willing to speak to anyone about their upkeep. No matter what she says, the singing of Donny Osmond songs to them is not required.

Thank you for the £3 donations we have had so far. We would be very grateful for any further donations as there are a lot of runny noses around at the moment and we are getting through the tissues at a vast rate of knots which we are buying through the contributions.

Could anybody wishing their child to stay for the 30 hours and who is thinking of applying, please inform a member of staff. It has ramifications for staffing and cover over the lunch period so we wish to get everything in place as soon as possible. The government website suggests people apply before November 30th to be on the safe side though the official deadline is December 31st.

Nursery applications for September 2019 are now being taken and a change in policy now means they are done through the school. If you know of anyone who requires a place, please pick up a form in the main office.

No birthdays this week and the only major sporting event over the weekend is Lincoln's trip to Port Vale.

The Nursery