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### **Nursery Newsletter**

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

rattling through the activities as there are a whole trough of requests and information to pass on to you. We have already noted in our incidental observations that many of the children appear to have well-developed number skills. We will be checking all children and seeing how good they all are at counting. This is very different from reciting which means somebody can say the numbers in the correct order. Counting means a child is able to count out a specific number of objects when asked. Counting can be done in all areas of the home or when out and about. You could ask your child to get a specific number of spoons for a meal, count socks when you're sorting the laundry or seeing how many red cars you see before a signpost.

All the children will be asked to write their name copying their name card. This is largely a Physical Development task as we see what control everyone has over their pencil as well as how they grip it. The vast majority will not be able to form recognisable letters at the moment but we will keep their writing to assess progression.

The children loved the Noisy Neighbour game and we will be playing another listening game where objects are used to make a noise out of sight of the children. These may include scissors, pen being clicked open and closed, keys, trombone, tin foil and children have to try and guess what it is.

We will be swooping on the allotment directly outside the classroom and weeding as well as hunting for the last of the mini beasts. This helps develop their Understanding of the World and attention to detail.

We will be giving out the settling in sheets so you can get an idea of what your child was doing over their first 10 days. There are next steps on these though don't worry if you know they can already do this. As soon as we ascertain someone's level, we look for what progression we can add. If you could make a comment on these and return them, they will go in their Learning Journey.

We have had an addition to the Nursery and now have 2 African land snails Mrs Gallacher wanted to name them Nicky and Danny after the Cowley brothers who manage Lincoln City, still top of League 2 after a 95<sup>th</sup> minute winner against MK Dons, but she was overruled by the children who went for Tiger, because of its stripes and Goldie, because it's gold coloured.

Some children's names are already fading in clothing if you could have a quick check and retouch if necessary. Some children still require plimsolls and wellies. If you are having problems getting anything, let a member of staff know and we will see what we can sort out. We are spending a good deal of time helping children with shoes, particularly if they have buckles, and would appreciate any help you could give by showing your children how to undo them and do them up.

Finally, a very happy birthday to Chris for the 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Nursery