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Nursery Newsletter

This week we are going to.....

be having a week full of activities based around the book, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. The week starts with the home corner becoming a café to represent the one visited by Sophie and her family at the end of the book serving up deliciously stodgy food like sausage and chips. The children are encouraged to write menus, orders and price up all the food items. Using the cafe encourages development across all areas of the curriculum as children learn to play cooperatively and develop a narrative. They develop fine motor and literacy skills as they write and mathematical abilities with the use of prices and adding up people's orders. Understanding of the World arises when children talk about different places they have eaten and favourite foods and those which are not liked as much. Language skills progress as they take on a role and imagination is sparked.

The children's abilities to mix colours will be explored as they are asked to paint pictures of tigers using black powder paint as well as being given blue, yellow and red powder paints. We shall speak about how much the Tiger drank, an amount surpassed by only one member of the Nursery staff who shall remain nameless though their name will be passed on through backhanders. The children will explore different sized containers and asked to estimate how many smaller pots it will take to fill a large cylinder. Estimation is a good skill for children to develop for later mathematical skills and can be done at home in a variety of ways. When socks are being sorted, you can always ask how many your child thinks are there.

We will give the children a number of different fillings and they will be making sandwiches in case the Tiger arrives in Nursery. A conversation about healthy eating will be had with the children and their use of tools will be fostered.

PE now consists of using the apparatus in the hall which caused Mrs Hawke some anxiety and she had to have a sit down when we returned to the classroom. The children used the large climbing frame as well as the benches and vaults and had a very enjoyable time.

Though there are no birthdays this week, huge celebrations have been held up and down the country as well as abroad and, to no small extent, within the Nursery. Lincoln City won only their 5th league title in a 135 year history on Monday as they drew with Tranmere. We will all be heading for Newport on Saturday morning and everyone insisted I changed the logo for this one off commemorative newsletter.

The Nursery