

Reception Newsletter

Friday 19th May



Next week

Next week is the last week before half term so we will be coming to the end of our Wind in the Willows topic. We are going to watch the film and think about how much we have learned about the story. We are also going to be taking the children out of school for a walk looking for possible habitats for the characters in the story. Please can all parents ensure that children have wellies in school as we will be doing lots of our learning outdoors.

As we are approaching the final term we are currently doing assessments in class to ascertain which children will be accessing their afternoon lessons either with Mrs Smith or Mrs Ramsay. Once this decision has been made you will all be informed and meetings can take place to discuss this further. We base our decisions on a variety of factors including your child's age, how your child is developing socially and emotionally and whether they have met their early learning goals.

If you would like to talk to me about this then please organise a meeting after the letter has been sent out.

This week in Reception

This week we have been learning all about the traditional tale 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The children have been sequencing the main events of the story and we have been thinking about how the characters in the book would be feeling at different parts of the story. We have also been using a story mountain to see what happens at the beginning, middle and end of the story. The children have also enjoyed looking at pictures of 'Once upon a picture' a great website for children to really use their imaginations to describe what's happening in the picture. In our maths lessons we have done lots of outside learning. We have been collecting sticks and leaves and putting them in order from smallest to largest. This led nicely onto an investigation about trees. We asked the questions "do you think trees that are big have bigger leaves?" The children loved being investigators and they took their role very seriously.

On Wednesday all of the children took part in a dance lesson lead by Kimberley. They learned traditional rock and roll and it was great fun. Lots of the children showed a great interest in this and when speaking to the children after the lesson they said they would like to take up dancing in their spare time. If you would like any information about classes around Preston then please ask me and I will give you some details.

Notices

Next week is our special Multi Faith/Cultural week, when we will be having visitors into school to share about their faith and what they believe. We will be learning about different faiths and cultures and celebrating this by sharing what we have discovered with the other classes in school.

Dummies - if your child is still using a dummy for comfort at bedtime, and you would like some advice on how to wean them off these, then please contact me in class. It is recommended that children over the age of one should no longer use a dummy. It can be really hard for children to give these up especially if it is left until after this time. However there is more concern as your child reaches four as they begin to get new teeth which can then be affected. There is also research that has proven dummies can affect children's speech and language. As a school we are seeing more children come into school with speech and language difficulties. Please do not hesitate to contact me in school for advice. Alternatively you can always speak to the school nurse.

