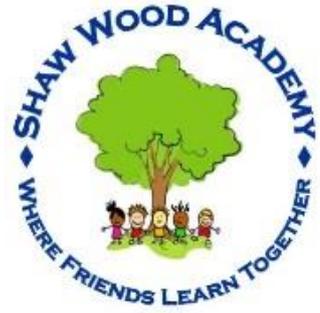


Nursery News



Term 2

Nursery Bears: We are always thinking about different activities to develop the children's communication and language skills. We have purchased two toy bears and everything they will need to accompany two children home for the weekend, so over the course of the year every child will have the opportunity to take a bear home. Each bear will have their own suitcase, clothes, pyjamas and a story book that you will be asked to read at bedtime. They will also have a note book for you to write about what the bear did over the weekend. The children will then bring the bears back to school to share this with us. This will develop the children's ability to ask and answer questions. There will also be a more detailed letter to help you with this activity inside the bear's suitcase.



In maths we will continue to sing number songs, rhymes, counting children, snacks and toys. We will be sorting, grouping and comparing objects recognising when they are the same or different, using vocabulary such as: more, least, same, bigger and smaller.

In Communication Language and Listening (CLL) we will practise our listening skills by listening to sounds in the environment, identifying different musical instruments and asking and answering questions about what we have been doing. We are now asking that the children answer questions using whole sentences to support their oral language skills.

Topic: We will be exploring the story 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. We will retell the story by acting it out. We will be having a Bear's picnic at snack time where the children will have the opportunity to bring in their own toy bear. We will use the internet and non-fiction books to find out about the different types of bears, how they are different and what they eat.

What you can do at home to help your child:

Read simple stories as often as possible talking about what you see in the pictures and asking what could happen next. Practise early number skills by counting small objects ensuring you place them in a line and touching them as you count. When they are confident with this ask them to give you a small number of objects such as: give me two pencils, three toy cars. Keep to numbers under five to begin with then extend this to ten. With adult supervision practise cutting up old pictures from magazines. At first your child may only manage small snips until they develop better control through practise.

Personal Targets: your child will be given three targets that are personal to their development. These will be sent home and also displayed inside their target cards in the cloak room. Please practise these little and often and if you would like some other ideas just ask a member of the Nursery Team.

Snack: Just a reminder, snack is 50p a week, which we will collect per half term. The total for this half term is £3.50. This money goes towards buying different snacks and baking ingredients. We have also introduced buying unusual fruit and vegetables where the children are encouraged to use their senses to describe them. We feel that this activity supports the children's communication and language skills.

P.E. Will continue to be every Wednesday in the hall with Coach Zeph. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing: normal uniform on top and track bottoms or leggings. This half term the children are learning to balance, climb and land safely. Please continue to encourage your child to take their own socks and shoes off and on.

Outdoor Learning: we are very excited to share with you that our new mud kitchen and sand pit are now complete. These new resources will support the children's physical development and mathematical concepts and look forward to exploring these in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

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