

## Nursery Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely half term break.

During this half term we will focus on stories. The children have shown that they enjoy listening to stories and they are beginning to retell stories using their own words. We will be reading and recalling lots of lovely stories such as 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson, 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy, 'Kippers Birthday' by Mick Inkpen, 'The Tiger who came to Tea' by Judith Kerr and many more stories. We will be focusing on events in the stories and discussing what happens at the beginning, middle and end.

Our number focus this half term will be to consolidate numbers 1-10 and consistent understanding of number and quantity. We will also be adding small groups of objects together. In shape, space and measure we will be learning about size, pattern and positional language. We will also continue to work with 2D shapes, naming them and discussing their properties.

We will be continuing with Letters and Sounds. The focus will be to develop oral blending of sounds in words. Children will blend the sounds together to recognise the whole word e.g. c-a-t to make the word cat. We will work hard to identify initial sounds in words. Children will also continue to identify rhyming words.

During this half term we will further our awareness of other cultures by celebrating Easter. We will learn about the meaning of Easter, listen to the Easter Story, make Easter cards and take part in lots of fun activities. There will also be a parents/carers morning on the 4<sup>th</sup> April for you to work with your child in nursery.

Thank you for your continued support with the story sacks. Please check your child's group and return dates for the story sacks. They need to be returned on time ready to be reviewed. Story sacks are reviewed on a Monday morning. All of the children are making progress towards retelling a story from memory. Thank you for your continued support in this important preparation for learning to read in Reception class.

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