

Newsletter 11/03/24

Learning this week:

This week we complete our 'Can you build it?' theme. Children will be learning about different types of materials used for building and how they join. They will apply their cutting and sticking skills and knowledge of shape to design their own houses. Children will also be applying their problem-solving skills to build dens and shelters.



Talk to your child about:

- What is your house made from?
- What is your table made from?
- What is your chair made from?

Core Story:

This week's core story is the traditional tale **'The 3 Little Pigs.'** The children will be describing the main events and retelling the story in the correct order using story prompts.

Our Dragonfly children will be also reading the traditional tale **'The 3 Little Pigs.'** They will be repeating refrains and anticipating the main events in the story.

You can watch a member of our staff reading the story on our website.

Wonderful Word of the Week: 'habitat'

Each week, we introduce our children to a 'wonderful word of the week.'

This week the word is 'habitat,' ahead of our up-and-coming theme - wild animals.



Talk to your child about:

- What is a habitat?
- Where do worms live?
- Where do camels live?

Makaton Sign of the Week: 'brother'

Each week, we learn to sign a new word.

You can watch Mrs. Taylor sign it on our website (Learning Zone) so you can practice it with your child at home.

Poetry Basket: 'A Little House'

Every half term we learn 2 -3 short poems. This week the children will be reciting the poem, 'A Little House'.

Talking Tub

This week's talking tub and non-fiction books are about **'Tools.'**



Talk to your child about:

- What tools are in the talking tub this week?
- How do you use the tools?
- What do the tools do?

Focus Song

Each week we learn a new song. This week the song is **'Tools.'** You can sing along with child at home by watching it on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkgry6B-EN4>

Our progression focus is to look at songs with familiar tunes but have different words. This song is sung to 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes.'

PSED

In PSED groups this half term, our theme is **'Managing Feelings.'** We will be learning about different emotions. We will also be learning about road safety.

Woodlands

Each week our 3-4-year-olds go to the Woodland area.

Our woodland sessions are:

Ladybirds - Wednesday

Bumblebees - Thursday

Caterpillars - Friday

We provide warm jackets, waterproof legwear, and wellies for each child, but please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and have a hat and gloves in the cold weather.

This week, improvement works start in our 'Wonderful Woodlands.' We are having a new den building area, reading hut, revamped mud kitchen and construction area for the children to play in. We are also having new perimeter fencing. We will look forward showing parents our new look 'Wonderful Woodlands' at our 'Stay and Play' session.

Masterclass

Each half term, our school leaver children participate in a Masterclass. This term's Masterclass is Art Classes. The children will be learning about famous artists and creating artwork in the style of the artist.

On the 18th March, we have a clay potter visiting nursery to make clay animals with the children and let them have a go on the potter's wheel!

Enchantment

Children have loved the traditional tale, 'The 3 Little Pigs' so they have made their own houses out of straw, sticks and bricks. They are enjoying dressing up in costume and retelling the story with each other. They have also built lots of different types of houses in the construction area from Lego and wooden blocks. The Big Bad Wolf has been coming and blowing them down! The children have also enjoyed drawing around shapes in the drawing area to create a house and making houses out of junk modelling. Great work everyone!

Attendance

The winners of our attendance this week is:

Afternoon Ladybirds - 96%

WELL DONE!

They will receive a certificate and look after our McMillan Monkey this week.

Afternoon Ladybirds -96%

Morning Caterpillars - 93%

Morning Dragonflies 90%

Afternoon Caterpillars 90%

Morning Bumblebees 86%

Afternoon Dragonflies - 85%

Afternoon Bumblebees - 80%

Morning Ladybirds - 73%

Please let the office know if you can not attend Nursery.

Home learning

Skill of the Half Term - To use the 5 steps to wash hands.

Our skill this half term, is to practise using the following 5 steps to wash hands.

- 1) *Push up sleeves.*
- 2) *Use an appropriate amount of soap.*
- 3) *Spend an appropriate amount of time washing hands.*
- 4) *Rinse off soap.*
- 5) *Dry hands.*

Please practise with your child at home.

Details have been sent home.

Homework Project

This term's project is 'Being an Artist,' *What different types of artworks can you create?* Details have been sent home. Thank you to all the children and families who have completed the project. You have all done super artwork.

Please can you complete this project by Thursday 28th March 2024.

Wellcomm

In Wellcomm Groups this week (Communication and Language) we will be learning before/after and long/short concepts. You could practise with your child at home.

Library

Each week the children take a library book home which you can read with them at home. Please make sure you return your library book each week.

Monday - Bumblebees

Wednesday - Ladybirds and Dragonfly

Thursday - Caterpillar

Thank you for returning your library books.

Snack Skill

In social snack time this week, our children will be practicing how to open food items. This week we will be practising how to open our own 'Babybel' cheese. You could practise this skill with your child at home.

Tapestry

Please remember to log onto your tapestry account so you can see what they children have been learning in nursery. Any problems accessing your account, please see Miss Shah in the office.

Save the Date:

Our 'Stay and Play' Easter Egg Hunt will be on:

Tuesday 26th March - Ladybirds

Wednesday 27th March - Bumblebees & Dragonflies

Thursday 28th March - Caterpillars

Further information will be sent home shortly.

Throughout Ramadan, we will be collecting food so we can make food parcels for our local mosque to take into the community. If you would like to donate a food item, please bring into Nursery and place in the box in reception.

Community information

We recently had a visit from the Dentist, to teach our children about good oral hygiene. If any parents are struggling to find an NHS dentist, they will take on your children. They are located on Padiham Road in Burnley. If you would like more information please ask the office or visit their website

<https://www.mydentist.co.uk/dentists/practices/england/north-west-england/burnley/361-padiham-road>

Parking

For the safety of our children, can you please not park on the zebra crossing or white zig zag lines. The police having been patrolling the area.

Holidays

Easter holidays are from Friday 29th March - Monday 15th April. Children will return to Nursery Tuesday 16th April 2024.

Thank you for your continued support.
Ms Cathy Stokes, Headteacher

