

# Foundation Stage Newsletter

## Friday 13th March 2020



### **Reception**

Firstly, we would like to say thank you to everyone who has bought in a house for our display, they are fantastic and the children have loved exploring them so much we have decided to run the challenge until the end of term where we will pick a winner from each class.

This week in Reception we have continued our 'Traditional Tales' topic and have moved on to look at the 'The Gingerbread Man' we have discussed how the characters in each version of the story are the same but authors may tell the story in their own way. The children decided they did not like the end of the Gingerbread Man so designed their own end to the story. They have spent this week writing their own version of the story and adding on their own ending. We are encouraging the children to read back their writing to help them recall the next word in their sentence. In our maths sessions this week we have been looking at halving a number and exploring the concept of sharing equally between two. We have also continued our doubles song at every opportunity. In Kinetic letters sessions we have been focussing on the size of our letters and ensuring our letters are facing the correct way. In readiness for KS1 we are all learning to write our surname. Please encourage your child to write their full name as often as possible from memory, forming all of their letters correctly. Next week sees us start our new topic of 'Africa' where we will be comparing our lives here in England to other children in Africa. Our focus text will be 'Handa's Surprise'

### **Reminders!**

Please ensure PE kits are in school every day.

Easter Celebration April 2<sup>nd</sup> RM&AM Pre-School 11:00am RL&PM Pre-School 2:30pm

All children must have water bottles in school please in line with our topic we will no longer be providing plastic cups.

If you have borrowed spare clothes, please could you return as we are very low on resources.

### **Pre-School**

This week in Pre-School we have carried on our topic of Traditional Tales. The story this week we have been looking at is the 'Three Little Pigs' Again a lot of the children already knew the main points in the story which was great! We discussed what the pigs used to make their houses and then we painted our own. We had a choice of a straw house, painted with straws, stick house painted with lollipop sticks and finally brick house using Lego! We also used the wooden blocks and shaving foam as cement to create our own brick houses.

We have also been concentrating on initial sounds in simple words. For example, S for Sun, A for Ant, M for Milk. Please encourage your child to notice these as this will help further down the line for Phonics! Next week is our new topic of Our Environment.

### **Wrap Around**

This week in Wrap Around we have been looking at the story 'The Little Red Hen'. We looked at the process of how bread is made. We watched an information video which the children were very intrigued! We then in group time looked at bread and made our very own sandwich which we then ate in café! In the story the animals didn't want to help Little Red Hen make bread so the children discussed why they thought animals in the story weren't good friends. We looked a lot into how and what makes a good/bad friend! To promote this, we have enjoyed playing turn taking and sharing games.

### **Reminders!**

Share a story dates: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April/ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May/ Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June/ Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June/Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Please note Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

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