



WELFORD-ON-AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL
NURSERY NEWS
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Dear Parents and Carer's,

This week we have continued to share the story of the Little Red Hen with a greater focus on the sequencing of the story through role play. Sequencing is an important skill in pre-reading, comprehension, and writing. By developing an understanding of what happens at the beginning, middle and end of the story, it will help your child to build a firm foundation for learning.

When sharing a story with your child, you can help to develop these skills by asking them to recall events of a story you have shared together.

Using props, the children are beginning to re-enact the story, using refrains and acting out each key event such as planting, watering, cutting and carrying the wheat to the mill, baking and eating the bread. It has been a great opportunity to develop turn taking, since there are only five characters, and everyone wants to wear a hat!

Breadmaking

On Tuesday, we had lots of fun breadmaking! Since the Little Red Hen made bread, we thought we would make our own bread rolls, referring to the recipe and learning new vocabulary, such as equipment and ingredients. The children were in awe when they saw how the yeast had done its 'magic' and had only just managed to stay in the bowl! The skill of bread making was then observed in the role play bakery where children were using props to make their own pretend bread.



Apple picking

We have been finding out first hand how to harvest apples, by taking a closer look at our Nursery apple tree. It has been a bumper year for apples here at Welford! We have picked a basket full this week and plan to cook something yummy with them in the next week or so.



Mark making (writing in the Early Years)

Having experienced bread making first hand and listening to the story of the Little Red Hen, we have been writing shopping lists for her to replenish ingredients. This is just one of the many writing opportunities your child will experience, to allow them to experiment with mark making and begin to ascribe meaning to the marks they make.

Visit to St Peters Church

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we are organising a visit to St Peter's church in Welford, where we can share our learning about Harvest. We are just confirming the date and will let you know in due course.

Since we have been thinking about people less fortunate than ourselves, we are making a collection for the Birmingham City Mission, along with the whole school.

If you would like to donate any items of nonperishable packets or tins of food or toiletries, a box will be available when dropping off from Monday. All the items will be gathered and collected from school at the end of this half term.

Due to children attending different sessions, it is not always possible for everyone to be able to take part in every event. You are all invited to come along to our Harvest assembly on 24th October, where every child will have the opportunity to join in.

Phonics

This week we have continued to listen for sounds in the environment and distinguishing between different animal sounds. The children are beginning to tune into sounds easier now, having developed attention and listening skills.

To date, we have been learning a new nursery rhyme each week. These include Jack and Jill, Incy Wincy Spider, Humpty Dumpty and this week Pat-a-cake.

Forest School

Unfortunately, we were unable to go to Forest School due to the weather and many children not having the correct waterproof clothing. To ensure that your child is dry, they need to have a waterproof coat. An everyday coat does not provide the protection needed when outdoors in the rain for a prolonged amount of time. Please see me if you are unsure your what child needs.

Mathematics

This week, we have continued to learn about sorting and making groups of the same size, colour and shape in the sweet, toy and clothing shops.

Effective questioning is being used to encourage children to think and articulate their thoughts and ideas about how they are sorting. These are just a few examples of how you can ask you child about how they have sorted their toys, buttons etc. 'Can you tell me how you have sorted the... ? What are you looking out for? What is your rule? What do you notice?

Creative

In the creative area, we have been producing our Christmas card designs. Yes, you have read that correctly! Every child will produce their artwork which will then be sent away to be scanned and then returned with details of how to purchase packs of cards to send to family and friends. This is a great opportunity to raise much needed funds for school.

Harvest Assembly

You are all invited to come along to our Nursery/Reception Harvest assembly on 24th October, starting at 9.05am. Every child will have the opportunity to join in.

TEAMS

It is important that you sign in to your child's log in to ensure that all is working correctly. This will make us aware of any technical issues and enable us to meet for our first settling in Parent Meeting on the 14th/21st October. Please note that this meeting is not in person and will be for 10 minutes.

Coats

Please ensure that your child comes to Nursery wearing a coat everyday now please. The weather has recently become very unpredictable.

Using a knife and fork

We are really working on developing the use of a knife and fork at lunchtimes. This can be a difficult skill for some, but with support the children are becoming more independent. As part of our Fundamental British Values at Welford, we encourage the children to have good etiquette at the dining table, to say please and thank you, use a knife and fork and to sit nicely.

Illness

It is imperative that we all follow the guidelines for illness. If your child is ill, telephone the school

office and give a brief message about why they will not be attending.

Many thanks for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs M Sims
Nursery Class Teacher

“I am not a teacher, but an awakener.”
— Robert Frost

