



## WELFORD-ON-AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to everyone for coming along to Parent's evening to discuss how your child has settled into Nursery. The children have settled quickly into Nursery routines and the structure of the day. By supporting the children in the early days and weeks, they quickly began to adapt to their new environment and to learn the basic behaviours that enable them to begin to learn. As a result, we are now able to plan and implement learning opportunities that will challenge their thinking.

The main focus for this term will be Communication and Language. This is one of the three prime areas of the Early Years Curriculum which helps to form the foundations for all other aspects of learning. In particular we will be providing opportunities for developing listening and attention skills. These skills are required for all other aspects of learning and development. Over the coming weeks I will share ideas of how you can support your child at home.

In mathematics we have been learning about the number five. Next week we will learn about number six. We will continue to review and revisit numbers from one to five using various resources and activities.

This week we have shared a new story '*The Little Red Hen makes a pizza*'. The story uses the same pattern as the previous Little Red Hen story, but this time the characters help her to collect the ingredients and to make the pizza, before helping to wash up. The children have become familiar with the repeated refrains in the story and so were confident to join in with those in this story.

We have been developing an understanding of what a question is, before exploring how some questioning words are used. We have looked at what, who, where, when and how words, and linked them to the story of the Little Red Hen e.g. Who are the characters in the story? What ingredients did the Little Red Hen need to make pizza etc. The children then attempted to use these words to find out information about the Little Red Hen (Mrs Sims dressed in a Little Red Hen hat). Adults modelled how to ask questions such as where do you live? What do you like to eat? before the children attempted to ask their own questions.

To develop an understanding of different genres of writing, the children have been learning about what a list is and how to write one. We have modelled how to write a list of ingredients to make a pizza base and toppings, before we write our own individual lists.

### **Water bottles**

Please check that your child brings a water bottle to nursery at the beginning of the week. Please remember that it is our school policy that only water is available to drink throughout the day. This is to encourage healthy eating and drinking as well as to avoid dental decay. There are still many bottles unnamed.

### **Illness**

Colds and sniffles continue to make an appearance. If you feel your child is unwell and needs to have Calpol or similar before nursery, they are not well enough to come. Calpol will make them feel better for a short period, disguising the symptoms and allows the germs to spread to others.

### **Contacting school**

Please ensure that you telephone school and give a brief message about why your child will not be attending. It is important to tell the office your child's name.

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