



WELFORD-ON-AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NURSERY NEWS

15th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly I would like to share with you how well the children have continued to settle well into nursery. This week they have begun to take part in a more structured session where short whole class teaching sessions have taken place. During these times we have focussed our learning on literacy, mathematics, phonics and personal, social and emotional development. All of these areas encourage speaking and listening skills.

During activity time, the children have enjoyed exploring their surroundings and participating in adult and child initiated experiences.

In maths we have been learning about the number '1'. Each week we will focus on a number and develop our recognition through planned activities. We have learnt a rhyme,

'Number one is like a stick, you can draw it really quick!'

In phonics we have been taking part in listening games, tuning into different sounds such as farm and wild animals and everyday sounds from within the environment.

All week we have been taking part in group activities linked to a story called *We are all different*. The story is about a group of children who all look different, have different pets, have different favourite colours, enjoy different activities but they are all friends. The children then talked about their favourite animal, food, activity, place to go and colour.

In the creative area the children have used clay to create a face. They looked closely in a mirror, describing their features and then using tools to create these onto their clay face. Next week they will add materials to represent the hair, pupils and lips.

On Wednesday we took part in our first PE session. The children have been displaying their running, jumping, hopping and skipping skills. We have also been developing our ability to stop and start, when given a signal. Listening and attention skills will be the main focus for our learning, to enable us to carry out instructions safely.

Next week we will endeavour to change into our kits! You can support your child at home by encouraging them to dress and undress, allowing a little longer to get ready if need be!

Uniform

There continues to be many items of uniform unnamed. Please name **ALL** uniform, including shoes. Loops also need to be inside **ALL** coats, jumpers and cardigans. The purpose of this is to encourage your child to be independent and hang their jumper/cardigan on their coat peg. Without a larger loop they struggle to do this. We cannot be responsible for the loss of any uniform. This also applies to water bottles.

PE kits and trainers will stay in school each half term. Please buy a chaper pair of trainers that can be left in school and do not need to be returned after each PE session.

Memory bags

You should have all received a memory bag for your child to add special pictures and objects. Please return this next week so that your child can talk about the contents within a small group. This activity will help to develop confidence and to develop speaking and listening skills. **Please name your bag on the base.**

Many thanks to everyone who has sent in their £6 towards resources.

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If you have any queries about any of the above, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

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