



WELFORD-ON-AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY NEWS

19th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have begun to prepare for our next theme which will be Harvest. We have shared a lovely story called Mrs Wishy Washy, who lives on a farm and has a cow, pig and duck. The barnyard friends all love mud! The story tells of the animals getting dirty and how Mrs Wishy Washy cleans them in a bathtub. There is a lot of repetitive text, which the children have enjoyed joining in with.

As well as sharing the story, we have also looked at the layout of a book, introducing associated language such as cover, front, back, pages, pictures, title and author. We have carried out a picture walk, discussing all the illustrations before reading the text. This is a very important stage of early reading, because it encourages children to talk about what they can see in the pictures and to predict what they think might happen next or why they think something has happened.

You can support your child at home by using the same vocabulary when sharing a book as well as talking about pictures before reading the text. An information leaflet will be sent home offering more information.

In Maths we have been learning about the number '2'. You can support your child at home by encouraging them to recognise the numeral 2 in the home or shopping environment. To help children remember what the number 2 looks like, they have been learning the following rhyme;

'For number 2, go straight round, then make a line across the ground'

In the creative area, we have continued to make our clay faces. We looked closely at the colour of our hair and eyes and then selected appropriate materials to represent these. The children have also created a mini self, by combining different materials and mediums onto a template of a body.

Harvest Festival - As autumn fast approaches, next week we will begin to talk about Harvest and how this is celebrated in our local community. We plan to walk to our local church on Monday afternoon, where we would like to contribute non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletries for the on-going work of the Birmingham City Mission. If you would like to donate any of the above items, please send your donation with your child on Monday. We will take our collection to church with us.

Independence

Please continue to support your child with their dressing and undressing skills, to develop their independence skills in nursery and at home. Some children continue to struggle with putting on simple clothing and shoes. If you would like further support with this, the following link explains dressing skills for young children. This was also sent home as a booklet. <https://www.hct.nhs.uk/media/1255/developing-dressing-skills.pdf>

Uniform

There continues to be many items of uniform unnamed. Please name **ALL** uniform, including shoes. Labels 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
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peg. Without a larger loop they struggle to do this. We cannot be responsible for the loss of any uniform.

Illness

Colds and sniffles are beginning 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.

Important

A reminder that it is school policy that any child who has been sick or has had diarrhea, should not return to school until 48 hours after their last bout. It is imperative that this policy is strictly adhered to avoid a family member of one of our nursery children, coming into contact with either of these symptoms.

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.

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

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