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We have had a very quiet week, as many of our children have been suffering from chicken pox or other bugs and the classroom has felt quite empty. We hope everyone is on the mend soon and look forward to seeing them back at school. We have had lots of working with water and capacity and making smoothies to measure full, half full and empty and using clocks and calendars to keep track of the weather and the date and time. We have been very excited about testing the wind with paper twirlers and catching the rain in different containers. We even saw some blue sky one day, but not for very long.



Mathematics: Our number work has continued with counting and making 7 and looking at how we can record number work with number sentences or sums. We have counted anything that stands still, including lots of outdoor counting. Our work on capacity has involved some investigations in the water tray and making our smoothies.



Literacy: We have been writing weather charts, alongside our usual sentences for phonics and have filled them in every day to record the weather conditions with both writing and symbols. Reception are writing short sentences in phonics and using finger spaces between all their words. We practise our sentence first and count the words, then try to write them down. All of reception have lovely hand writing and form their letters beautifully. If you can, please encourage them to write for fun at home as they are making so much progress.

Our nursery children are learning to listen for the sound at the start of a word and are all trying to write letters from their name or to label their models. They are doing so well and again any opportunity to write at home is invaluable, even if they don't look like proper letters yet.

Help at Home

Keep writing and drawing at home. Try covering the table with an old roll of wall paper and letting your child write and draw anywhere they want to. You can also fold A4 paper into quarters to make small cards and let your child write them to someone else in the family. Post it notes are great for writing quick messages and leaving them for people to find and pavement chalks are great fun outside and wash away after a while. Scribbling and random colouring are all fine and part of the learning process, so there is no need to push children to do more structured writing, unless they are wanting you to support them to write something that someone else can read.



Other News..... Forest School was great fun in the mist last week and we took the litter pickers and cleared some of the rubbish that had blown into our section of the woods. We then had the most exciting tree climbing session where all the children challenged themselves and each other to climb, dangle and swing in the trees like monkeys. The only rules were to look after the trees and not to climb where you could not get back down. Just look at where we ended up!



Next Week..... We will be wearing red clothes and our red noses on Friday 15th March for Comic Relief, and on Wednesday 13th March there is a PTA meeting in school at 3.15pm. Our PTA are very friendly and welcoming; they do an amazing job of supporting the school, so please come along if you are