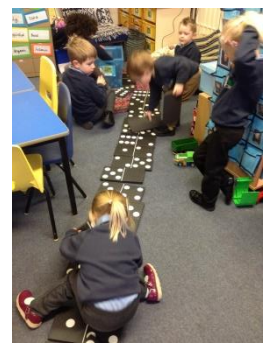


Everyone has settled back into school and we have welcomed some new children into nursery last week. They have been well looked after by all the older children and have enjoyed their first two weeks at school. We have been working hard this week to get all our lolly sticks and learn lots. We also got back to forest school last week and had a fantastic time despite the rain! Here are some of our achievements so far:



Literacy: We have enjoyed a fantastic story about a lonely polar bear and his bear friends, who live all around the world and we have had lots of fun reading the Bear Hunt and making maps and bears. Phonics continues every day and Reception are all confident with single sounds now and learning digraphs, where two letters make one sound, e.g. sh, ch, th, ck, ng and nk. We are trying to use these in our writing as often as possible and we read words with these sounds in to practise every day.

Nursery are learning some rhymes and stories each day and love to sing with Mrs Rutter. They are enjoying mark making in the art area and outside on the chalk board and in the mud!

Reading books, library books and story sacks will continue to come home weekly. Please read with your child whenever you can, as this will hugely improve their literacy skills. If they have finished their reading scheme book, share the library book or a different story together.

Mathematics: Maths has been all about making ten for the past two weeks and we have organised everything in our classroom into tens. We have been combining smaller numbers to make ten and saying, then writing the number sentences. In nursery, we have been counting to 10 accurately, moving one item at a time, and matching the numeral to the quantity. Our children are really good at this and very accurate. We also have our counting machine in the morning where we display our names. We use this to calculate how many children are in the class and it is a great success with children counting and calculating daily and racing to find the right number!



Other News.....Forest School this week was fantastic. We walked along the lane through the deepest puddles in pouring rain, then into the fields where we found a huge swamp. We played under the trees and sheltered for a bit, then battled our way back to school for hot chocolate. It was a big adventure and even our smallest children had so much fun, especially jumping in puddles and wading through mud.

We have also been learning about the Arctic, as we travel around the world with our lovely bear story, in our topic 'People, Places and the Past'. We had snow in our classroom and did some fantastic writing and art work about living on top of the world.





Help at Home

Please help your children to say one number for each object when they count. Encourage them to count forwards going upstairs and backwards coming down, or to move objects from one group to another as they count them. Make sure your child can recognise all the numerals to 10 confidently. If they are unsure use sticky labels to number things around the house, magnetic numbers on the fridge to order and count or hopscotch to jump up and down the numbers. This will really help them in maths activities.

If you are reading with your child, try spelling some words out using the sounds and get them to say them properly. Spend time enjoying books and tell your child about the books you love to read.

Next Week..... the author Alan Windram who wrote 'One Button Benny' and other stories, is coming to talk to the whole school about his books. He is available to sign books, if your children want to buy them at school. The books all cost £5.