



Nursery Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 8th December 2024

Welcome back after the Christmas break, we hope you had a fun filled blessed time together with your children, celebrating all the joys that Christmas and the New Year brings.

In Literacy this week, we will begin our new text 'Tiger in the Snow' We will use role play to help us learn the story. We will explore some of the new language in the book, with a particular focus on verbs (action words).

In Maths this week, we will be learning the number four and practising our counting skills. We will also practice writing the number 1, 2 3 and 4.

In RE, we will begin our new unit 'Christmas - Mary the Mother of Jesus'. We will be learning that Christmas is Jesus' birthday and that Mary is his mother. **With your child, think about what a mother does for her child?**

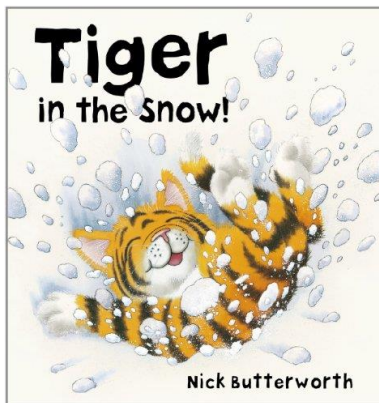
We will cover Understanding the World through our Expressive Arts & Design session due to the INSET day. We will explore what happens to ice as it gets warm, exploring the melting process through ice painting.

Focus words this week: counting, Mary, friends, melting

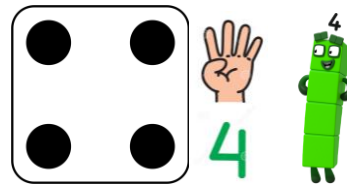
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

Tiger in the
Snow



Maths Focus: Number 4



Can you find the number 4 around your house?
Can you count 4 toys?
Can you spot the number 4 when out and about?

Rhyme of the Week:

The Grand Old Duke of York

Oh, the grand old Duke of York
He had ten thousand men
He marched them up to the top of the hill
And he marched them down again

And when they were up, they were up
And when they were down, they were down
And when they were only half-way up
They were neither up nor down

Story Time

Reading books will be changed on Tuesday **(This week only because of the INSET Day)**

Please send your child's book bag into school each day with their planner and reading book. Please ensure the planner is signed to show that you have read with your child.

Thank you.

Home Readers

As you will have noticed, each of your children brought home a 'home reader' book. These are for you to read with your child and develop an enjoyment and excitement for reading.

You can change these books whenever you are ready too.

Morning parents: In the morning, when you drop your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

Afternoon parents: At the end of the day, when you collect your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

This week the children will:

- Continue to practise our counting daily, numbers up to 12, when we count the children in class.
- Explore the Nativity story through our stable role play area.
- We will read the story 'Tiger in the Snow'
- We will learn to retell the story through actions and role play
- We will explore some of the verbs (action words) in the book.
- We will learn the number 4.
- We will practice counting to 4, using different objects.
- We will practice writing the numbers, 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will use our constructions kits to build a sledge, relating to our new 'Winter' theme.
- We will paint snowflakes using sugar paste.
- We will ice paint.
- Practising using our manners, saying 'Yes please', and 'No thank you' during snack time.
- We will learn to use 1p to pay for our snack at snack time.
- Practising taking turns and sharing during our guided play.
- We will learn that Christmas is the time when Jesus was born.
- We will learn that Mary was the mother of Jesus.
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.

Nursery Staffing Arrangements

The Nursery class is being taught by a Nursery Team of staff: Mrs Bamforth, Mrs Evans (Teacher) and Mrs Machin was Miss Kempson (Teaching Assistant).

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Hannett.

Important Dates

Monday 8th January 2024 - INSET Day, staff only in school.

Tuesday 9th January - Children return back to school.

Wednesday 10th January - Stay and Play with Mrs Machin and Mr Davies begins again, every Wednesday morning 08.45am-09.45am (please tell any parent friends with children aged 2, that may find this useful).

Saturday 27th January - Mass at St Joseph's Darlaston at 4pm - All Welcome

HALF TERM - Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February - Children return back to school.