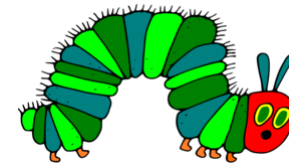




Caterpillar News - January 2019



Happy New Year

Our topic this half term is: Fantasy Lands

How you could help at home:

Enjoy reading a range of Traditional Tales and Nursery rhymes so that your child becomes familiar with these stories and characters e.g. Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks, Jack and the Beanstalk etc.

Session Times AM 8:45 - 11:45 Lunch 11:45-12:30 PM 12:30 - 3:30

Can you help?

A tiny door has appeared in our Role Play Area and some treasure has appeared! We are trying to solve the mystery.

Who lives behind the door? How did it get there?

Talk to your child about their ideas and any updates!!



Dates

Week beginning 27th January
Chinese New Year celebrations
Wk beg 3rd February National story
telling week
10th and 12th February Parents
evening (check which evening your
key workers sessions are available)

Urgent: Wow Board



Don't forget to fill in the Wow moment slips so that we can celebrate your child's achievements at home.

You will find these by the signing in and out sheets and in your child's folder. They will be displayed in the classroom and then put into your child's Learning Journal.

In pre-school this week we have been recapping the classroom rules. We have these rules so that the children are happy, safe and are learning.

Use quiet voice

Walk inside

Look after the toys

Use kind hands

Use kind words

We have included these so that you can talk about them at home.

Thankyou for your continued support in completing the signing in and out sheets at the beginning/end of each session. Please remember that if someone different is coming to collect your child please let us know and ensure that they have the password.

Parents evening

These are held the week beginning the 10th February. Please look out for a text which will inform you when the online booking system will be live. Please speak to us if there are any problems.

Outdoors

Now we are into the Winter season please make sure your child has a warm coat, hat, scarves and gloves for when we are outside. Please ensure these are named so they can be easily returned or even better attach gloves to your child's coat.

If you have borrowed any pre-school clothes please can you return these.

Ten Town

We have now learnt about characters 1-5. This half term we will spend some time exploring these numbers some more. You will receive an addition sheet with further information on this and ways that you can help.

You can support at home by talking about the characters, reciting the formation rhyme, having a go at forming it and singing each characters song.

Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle

Squiggle is a programme that helps to develop children's early writing skills by making large movements and then transferring these movements to making marks on paper and ultimately to form letters. Please join your child for this at the beginning of each session in order to help develop their early writing skills. .



Star Book

This half term our Star Book will be Each Peach Pear Plum written by Janet and Alan Ahlberg. Try reading this book with your child at home or follow the link below <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltxxdQFfDJY>

This will help us to continue to develop the children's awareness of rhyme. It also contains lots of familiar Nursery Rhymes and Traditional Tales that we will be learning about. Talk to your child about these and read them.

Phonics

In phonics this half term we will be working on oral blending and segmenting including looking at the what sounds different words start with. Please see the sheet attached for some alliteration games you can play at home . We are also working on recognising and writing our name. As the children become more confident in recognising the letters in their name you will notice their snack card photo will be replaced with letters. Have a go at writing your name at home, starting with the first letter initially and gradually introducing the other letters.

Story Sessions

During the first week of each half term we would like to invite you to a story session. This will replace Squiggle during this week and instead we welcome you to come and share books with your children.

The first of these sessions will begin on the 24th of February. You are also welcome to bring in some of your favourites to share.