



WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER – Pre Nursery 6 January 2014

Important Information

- Show and tell/Sharing time – Every Friday we have a special session when the children can bring in a toy from home. They spend some time talking to their friends about their toys and then they share the toys. This is a very good opportunity for children to talk to each other about some of their favourite things and also to share their toys with other children and take turns playing with other children's toys carefully.
- Please do not send in toys on any other days.
- On Friday 10 January 2014 please help your child select a **Teddy Bear** to bring to school to introduce to the class
- Please send in all library books by Thursday

Learning Theme of the week

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



We will read the book **We're going on a bear hunt** by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. A family sets out to hunt a bear. Their journey is long and difficult as they come across grass, water, mud, and snow before reaching the cave where the bear is sleeping. Or rather was sleeping

Vocabulary: Swish, squelch, stumble, trip.

Role-play

We will recreate the journey including various obstacles and accompany the children in small groups while encouraging them to talk about what they can see and feel

Vocabulary: under, over, through, wet, dry, soft, cold, dark

Mathematics

Our mathematical focus this week will be sorting and measuring. Which bear is big? Which bear is small? Which bear is the biggest? Can you put all the small bears together?

Vocabulary: big, small, bigger smaller, biggest, smallest

As you become more familiar with tapestry, you will find at the bottom of each observation is the development matters statements. We use these on a daily basis and many activities cover several areas of learning. Below are some of the statements we will be focusing on through child initiated learning and our teacher inputs.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development - Making relationships

- Shows affection and concern for people who are special to them.

Communication, Language and Literacy

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- Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories
- Builds up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences

Mathematics - Numbers

- Selects a small number of objects from a group when asked, for example, 'please give me one', 'please give me two'.

Expressive arts and design - Exploring and Using media and materials

- Sings a few familiar songs.

Reporting on progress

There will be Teacher/Parent Conferences on February 19 & 20 for you to discuss your child's development and progress with their class teacher.

Join us for a coffee morning on 20 January 8.45-9.30, this will be a chance for us to welcome new families, discuss how Tapestry is developing and also discuss any other questions you may have regarding the Early Years Cubs.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Many thanks again.

The Pre Nursery Team.