

Barn Owls Pre-School/



Newsletter

9th February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for the lovely warm welcome that I have received! I am really enjoying my first few weeks in Barn Owls, getting to know all your lovely children! We have been planning whole Foundation Base activities to help meet the needs of all of the children in the Base. We are sorry that there has been a delay in getting the newsletter out this half term - life in Barn Owls has been extremely busy! Here is a snippet of just some of the things we will have been covering in the Base through our topic "**Near and Far**"

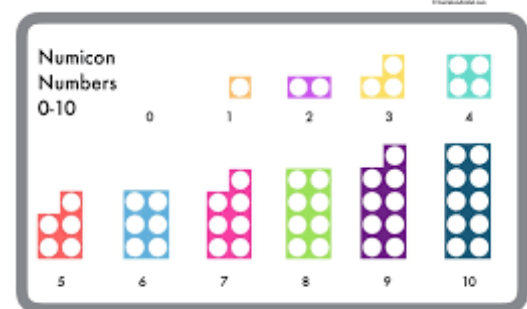


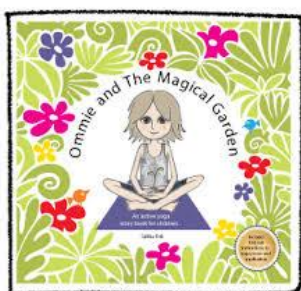
Understanding The World - winter

Through our theme of 'Near and Far' we have been learning about places that are near to us (e.g. features of our planet like the sea or islands) and places that are far away (e.g. the moon or other planets). We have also been exploring the winter weather, we have been on winter welly walks, looking at the effect the weather has on our surroundings. We have been talking about what happens to ice, how ice is made, and what happens when we hold it (we get cold and the ice begins to melt in our hot little hands). Also we have been discussing all that we know about pirates (mostly good stuff of course!) and about the sea, safety at sea and islands.

Maths

We have been beginning to explore using Numicon with Barn Owls this term, to help us with our mathematical understanding. This maths resource is used throughout the school and it has proved a big hit with the children as they have been showing great interest in exploring numbers, counting and even some addition. Do pop in and speak to Nicola or myself to learn more, or better still, ask your children!! As well as Numicon we will also be continuing playing fun maths games, doing puzzles and learning rhymes to make maths come alive.





Literacy and Physical Development

As always, we love sharing new books in our book area and with our writing, we have been focusing on letter recognition for our own and friends' names. We are doing this through a variety of fun activities as well as tracing our names in our mark making corner then moving on to free hand letter formation.

We have been using our hall time to practise running, jumping and climbing being careful to avoid crashing! We are also developing our throwing and catching skills using soft balls. We have also done a few sessions of yoga with **Chloe's Yoga Beem** - Ommie where we have been learning poses for different animals.

Communication and Language

We have been working closely with Owls class to plan and deliver our phonics sessions. These have concentrated on developing children's speaking and listening skills which lay the foundations for later phonic work. The children are learning to tune in to sounds, listen and remember sounds and talk about sounds. We have also been playing some lovely games to help develop these skills, for example exploring rhymes through silly soup, stories and picture cards.



Silly Soup

I'm going to make a silly soup

I'm making soup that's silly

I'm going to cook it in the fridge

To make it nice and chilly

In goes... a fax... a box... some socks...
(rhyming items)

Expressive Arts and Design



In our art area we have been making our very own clay treasure- which the children have been designing themselves. They have painted their hands to look like pirates to add to our land and sea display and have also been designing their own boats made from shapes.



Role Play

This is a pirate ship and complements the Owls class treasure island.



Small World

We have enjoyed playing with our desert island table with pirate ship and also our moon scape earlier in the term.



Dates for your diary

- 19th February- back to school
- 1st March - World book day - Children to come dressed up as their favourite book character
- 16th march- non-uniform in exchange for an Easter gift
- 23rd march - PTFA bingo
- 29th break up for Easter Holidays

A Gentle Reminder

- * That all children have waterproff coats/suits and wellies along with spare clothes in their bags.
- * Please try and keep siblings and Foundation Base children off play equipment at collection time.
- * At least one substantial healthy snack for the morning session as unfortunately we can only supply one piece of fruit per day.
- * Please can children only bring a 'show and tell' on their 'show and tell' day - thank you

If you have any queries regarding any of the above please don't hesitate to speak to Nicola or myself.

Thank you again for your continued support. - Chloe and Nicola

Show and tell dates

19 th Jimmy	20 th Base activity	21 st John
22 nd Freddie	23 rd Tallulah	26 th Meredith
27 th Base activity	28 th Evelyn	1 st march Huw
2 nd Jai	5 th Isla- mae	6 th Base activity
7 th Amelia	8 th Oliver	9 th Brodie
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