

# Nursery Newsletter 02.12.22

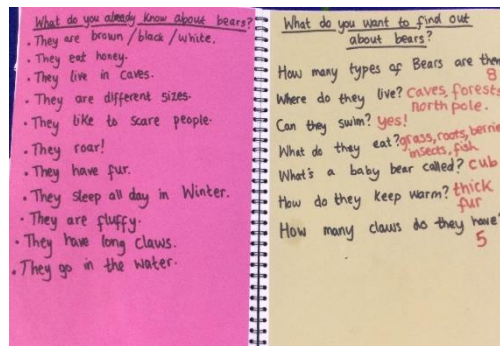
## Our Week

We have had a great week in Nursery! We have been learning all about bears. We sparked the children's curiosity by turning one of our classrooms into a cave, where we found a bear who was quite upset about not having any friends.

We went on to discuss how we could make the bear happy.

We have also been using our prior knowledge to talk about what we already know about bears, and we also came up with some questions about what we would like to find out about them.

We then used our ICT skills to scan QR codes with iPads to find more information about bears. It has been a fun week!



## Forest School

We had a great morning at Forest School.  
We used our fine motor skills and hand eye-coordination to chop wood for the fire.

We then cooked play dough on the open fire and spoke about the changes we could see happening to the mixture. After that we used the play dough to make various objects.  
We also enjoyed fun water play activities.



## Things to remember...

### Dates for your diary

- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Nursery Carol Concert 2pm.**

Please join us in the playground for our Carol Concert performance to enjoy some festive songs, mince pies and hot drinks! We look forward to seeing you there.

Children that attend the **AM session** are welcome to join us again in the afternoon for the concert.

### Core Books

In order to support our emergent readers in Nursery we use a core book scheme.

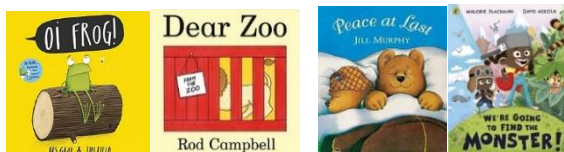
Nursery will have four core books that will be read throughout the year on a regular basis so that the children are able to retell the story themselves, even though they will not be able to read the words.

This builds the children's confidence in reading and allows them to see themselves as a reader. It also supports their storytelling, speaking and their understanding.

There will be numerous copies of these core books in the setting, along with the rest of the high-quality texts on offer, and there will be opportunities for the children to take it in turns to take a copy home with them. If you have access to a library or are able to visit a bookshop/ 2<sup>nd</sup> hand book shop, such as Oxfam on Half Moon Lane, it is also a nice idea to have these books at home to expose your child to these books further. The core books have been chosen to reflect the children's interests, develop specific skills and support our focus on diversity and challenging stereotypes.

The core books chosen for Nursery:

- *Oi Frog* by Kes Gray & Jim Field
- *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell
- *Peace at Last* by Jill Murphy
- *We're Going to Find a Monster* by Malorie Blackman & Dapo Adeola



### Class Bears

The children have been introduced to our Class Bears. In Ladybird Class this is Barnaby Bear and in Butterfly Class is Bobbie Bear.

Each week, the Bears will be sent home with a member of the class to go on an Adventure. This needs to be recorded on Tapestry which the teacher will then print and place into our Bear News Folder. All information can be found on the first page of the Bear News Folder but please feel free to ask your child's teacher if you are unsure.

This experience will not only build confidence but will allow your child an opportunity to speak in front of their peers, sharing a lived experience and speaking about something which they will find exciting.

Many thanks,

The Nursery Team

**Ladybird** - Emma Rose, Jodie Speer and Usha Goomany

**Butterfly** - Anastasia Owusu, Gina Collingridge and Jeanette Gayle

Jaci Doherty working throughout both classrooms

