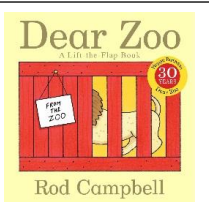




Southridge First School

Nursery Newsletter 15th November 2019



This week we have been reading the story 'Dear Zoo'. We have read the story every day so that the children are able to join in the story and we even added our own actions to help us remember all the different describing words for the animals. We showed the children a box the zoo had sent us and tried to guess what might be inside. For our Monday Challenge this week we asked the children to work in small teams and build a home for the animal they think is hiding in the box.

We encouraged them to think about how big or small their home needed to be, how the animal would keep warm and how they could ensure the animal couldn't escape. They could also add other items to ensure their animal didn't get bored in their new home. We were looking out for great examples of team work, problem solving, listening to each other and taking the ideas of others on board.

This week we have also been exploring different animal footprints, investigating which animal is the tallest/shortest by building Lego blocks to match each animal and heaviest/lightest by testing different animals in a balance. We also had a go at finding out who is the tallest and shortest in our class.



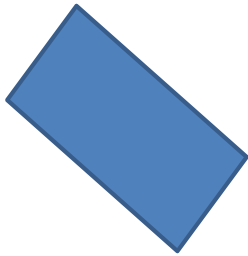
We have been looking at the number 4 this week. Here is the rhyme we use to help us remember it:

Down and over,
down some more,
That's the way we make a four.

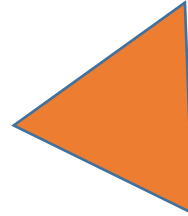
We have been learning about the phoneme /l/ and the sound it makes in words like leg, ladder, lemon and lizard. It is a long stretchy sound. We use the picture to help us remember this sound and the formation rhyme to help us write it: down the long leg. Our sound next week is /t/.



In our Maths groups this week we have been looking at more 2D shapes and learning their shape rhymes. Here are two of the rhymes we have been learning this week. How many different places can you spot these shapes?



Ollie Oblong is my name,
My four sides are not the same,
Two are short and two are long,
Count my sides come right along.



I'm Tommy Triangle, look at me,
Count me sides, one, two, three.

In Nursery we love spending time outside and we go out in all weathers!

As it gets colder please send your child with appropriate clothes to keep them warm outside, e.g. warm coat, hat and gloves. The children always wear a waterproof suit over the top of their coats but we would ask that you don't send children in anything that you don't want to get dirty, mud and paint seem to find their way everywhere! As we continue to encourage the children to be more independent when getting ready to go outside, please ensure you send children in shoes that they can manage for themselves, laces are particularly difficult for them. Also please ensure your child's name is on everything - it helps us make sure any lost items go back to the right person.

Dates for your Diary

22nd November - Christmas Shopping Night. 7-9 pm. organised by the PTA. Get your tickets from the school office before Monday 18th November.

Friday 6th December - Christmas Fair.

Friday 13th December - Early Years Christmas Performance. No costumes will be necessary but can we ask that children wear a plain white t-shirt on the day please. Morning Nursery Performance 9:30am, Afternoon Nursery 2pm. (Two adults per child)

Thursday 19th December - Nursery Christmas party and last day of term.

Many thanks for all the emails this week. Please continue to send anything for your child's learning journey to Helen.mason@ntlp.org.uk
Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday. The Nursery Team