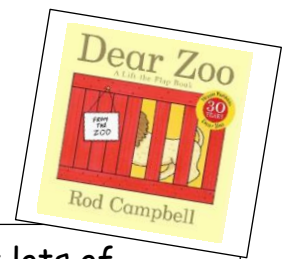




Southridge First School Nursery Newsletter 12th November 2021



This week we read the story 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell. We know that lots of children have this book at home, so it was lovely to share a familiar story together and hear the children joining in with the words. The children were brilliant at remembering which animals were sent from the zoo so we created a story map together and used Makaton sign language to help us tell the story. We also added our own actions which was lots of fun and helped us remember the describing words for the animals. On Friday we invited Miss Parker to Nursey and performed our story especially for her. She thought we were fabulous and said she was very proud of us.



Linked to this story, we have been naming a variety of zoo animals, and looking for pictures of them in the outdoor area. We made a safari vehicle using large construction items. We also met Molly the monkey - Molly sometimes likes to keep playing at tidy up time, so we showed her what to do, and how to work as a team! You might like to continue exploring the topic of zoo animals at home, or you might like to notice how many legs different animals have. For example, we sorted the animals into 4 legs/not 4 legs. The children spotted that ostriches, penguins and flamingos only have 2 legs.



We have been working on cutting skills this week, using scissors to snip the edge of paper to make a 'lion's mane'. When supporting the children with their scissor-hold we use the rhyme: 'Finger in the bottom, thumb in the top, open them up and chop, chop, chop!' Using scissors can be very tricky for children so we find that making snips in paper is a good start. Maybe you could encourage your child to practise their cutting/snipping skills at home?



We began to talk about and explore what being proud of ourselves feels like. We used images of some of the activities in the classroom to help such as jigsaws, building blocks, cutting and chalk and asked the children to think of something they are good at doing. We encouraged them to share their ideas and talk about how that makes them feel. Maybe you could help your child to explore this concept by talking about what they are good at doing at home and how it makes them feel?



We love to celebrate the children's 'wow' moments at Nursery. We would love to hear about your child's 'wow' moments at home too. With this in mind, your child will be coming home with a Wow Moment sheet that you can use to mark a notable milestone in your child's Nursery journey and development. It might be that your child has managed their coat zip by themselves for the first time, or perhaps they used some lovely, unexpected language on a family trip out. If you write it down, and send it back into Nursery, then we will be able to share their efforts with all their friends. Thank you for your input!

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.

Makaton Sign of the Week - Among the many signs we have introduced this week, the children have decided their favourite has been the sign for puppy.



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Dates to Remember

Monday 15th November - Odd Socks Monday

Children are invited to wear odd socks and bring a donation of £1 towards our fundraising efforts.

Friday 19th November - Children in Need

Children can come to school in fancy dress or wearing spots and are asked to bring a small donation towards Children in Need.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Nursery Team.