



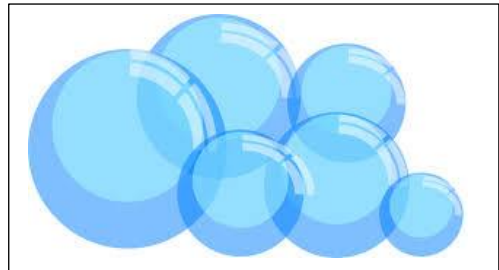
Southridge First School

Nursery Newsletter 24th January 2020

This week 'Supertato' set us some challenges to see if we could become Superheroes too. The first challenge involved finding a way to help our vegetable friends escape from a block of ice. The children had lots of good ideas and we tested different tools but found that warming them up gave us the fastest result. Our next challenge was about using tools to help us catch the 'Evil Pea'. We had to make some bubble mixture by following the recipe then use string and sticks to make our own giant bubble wands so we could blow enormous bubbles over the pea and trap him inside. We were amazed at just how big we could make our bubbles. We had lots of fun!

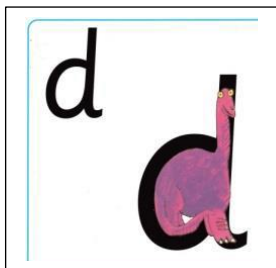
If you would like to try making these giant bubbles at home here is the recipe:

6 cups of water
1/2 cup of washing up liquid
1/2 cup of cornflour
1 tablespoon of baking powder
1 tablespoon of glycerine



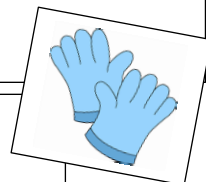
Materials to make bubble wands, e.g. string, sticks, straws, hoops
Dissolve the cornflour in the water then gently stir in the remaining ingredients, try to avoid creating too much froth. Allow the mixture to sit for an hour, stirring occasionally if the cornflour settles to the bottom. The first few may pop but don't give up - they will start to get stronger!

In our maths sessions this week we have continued counting up to different numbers. We have also been looking more closely at the numbers we learnt about last term. What would that number look like on a dice with spots? On a coin? As a piece of Numicon? On your fingers? As a group of objects? What number would be one more or less than our number? As well as knowing the shape of the numeral it is important that children develop a deeper understanding of what each number is.



In phonics we have been learning about the phoneme /d/ and the sound it makes in words like donkey, doctor, dolphin and dinosaur. It is a short, bouncy sound. We use the picture to help us remember this sound and the formation rhyme to help us write it: round his bottom, up his tall neck, down to his feet. Our sound next week is /g/.

Even in the cold weather we like to wrap up warm and spend a little time playing outside so it is great to see the children arriving ready with their hats, gloves and scarves. Can we please ask that these are placed in drawers when the children arrive rather than in bags or in the sleeves of coats as this will make it much easier for the children to find them and helps with their independence.



Dates for your Diary
Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January - 'Stay and Play'.

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