



Teddy Bears Nursery School Newsletter- March 2020

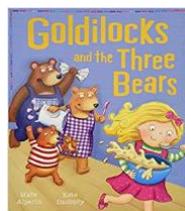
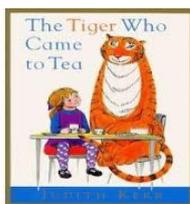
NEW STARTING POINT- FAVOURITE STORIES

This month we will be celebrating our favourite stories & rhymes to tie in with 'World book Day' with each group doing different stories.

This will be books such as 'Dear Zoo' for the Pandas. 'The Gruffalo' & nursery rhymes for the sunshine group. Traditional stories such as Goldilocks, The 3 little pigs or 'The 3 bears' for the Koalas and 'The Gingerbread man' for the Polars.

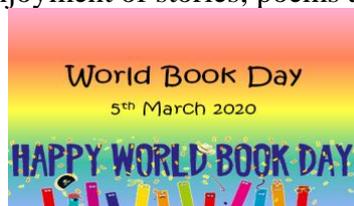
As well as promoting books and the importance of reading, we shall be showing the children how to use books correctly and recognising that 'print' gives meaning'. Discussing characters and the events in stories will be an aim alongside lots of craft activities to explore stories.

We would like to request some volunteer parents to come in and read to groups. We feel this would enhance the children's experiences of listening and participating in stories. This can be at any convenient time to you during the day even when you drop off or pick up. Please see a member of staff if you are interested in this.



WORLD BOOK DAY-MARCH 5th

We would like to ask all children to wear their pyjamas to nursery on this day. They also need to bring a storybook (clearly named) to share with their peers. During the day the children will be enjoying and appreciating books through many fun activities to promote the enjoyment of stories, poems and songs.



MUM'S WEEK- 16th- 20th MARCH

We would like to invite all Mums to come and spend some fun time with their child so they can experience what goes on at nursery together. Please book a time with a member of staff in your child's/ children's group.



STAFF

Unfortunately due to health reasons Jade will be leaving us at the end of the month for a new career as a special needs support assistant. Maigan Thompson will be replacing her joining the Koala team as a full time member.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Can we please remind parents that breakfast club finishes at 8.30 each day in order for everyone to get organised for the rest of the day. So please ensure your child is here by 8.15 so they can be finished by 8.30 and staff can get cleared up.



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FACEBOOK

Just to remind parents we are posting pictures of events at Teddy Bears such as the sunshine's trip to the train station & the Polars & Koalas shape walk , So please go online and have a look, comments are always welcome too!!

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE GARDEN?

Polar Bears- These children love to run so we are planning lots of races such as a pancake race, running races, obstacle courses and egg & spoon races.

Koala Bears- This group will be practicing their balancing, taking risks & learning to use equipment safely.

Sunshine Bears –These little ones will also be practicing taking risks as they learn to move safely while improving their gross motor skills. This will be encouraged as they move in different ways climbing, jumping & using tunnels.

Panda Bears- Hopefully with the improving weather these little ones can practice their walking skills as they push & pull around the walkers.

EARLY EDUCATION FUNDING

Please see the message from Early Years in Portsmouth City Council.

Two, three and four year old proposal.

The council could pass the full amount of the additional funding directly to settings by increasing the value of the hourly rate. However, by doing this the number of pupils that the council is able to cover using the growth contingency would reduce. This would put further pressure on early years budgets. The council needs to ensure that they are able to fund the same number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) pupils through the growth contingency in 2020-21 as in 2019-20. For the council to continue to fund the same level of growth it would need to increase the hourly rate paid to settings by £0.04 and retain £0.04 for the growth contingency. The council recognises the financial pressures on settings. We are also conscious that any end of year deficit in the DSG may require a reduction in funding to settings in future years. We therefore propose to spread the risk by **increasing the hourly rate to settings by £0.06** and increase the growth fund by £0.02.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

We have three birthdays this month!

