

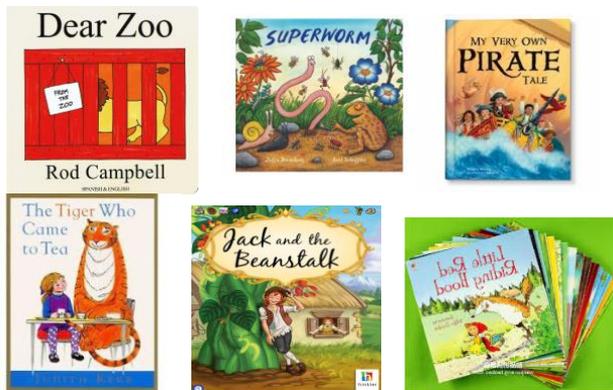


Teddy Bears Nursery School Newsletter- March 2019

NEW STARTING POINT- FAVOURITE STORIES

This month we will be celebrating our favourite stories. This will be books such as 'Dear Zoo' for the pandas & 5 little ducks for the sunshine group, 'The 3 little Pigs' for the Polar bears and 'we are going on a bear hunt' for the Koalas. 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.



MUM'S WEEK- 25th- 29th 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

Katie Nicholson will be working between the Pandas and Sunshines in the view of moving into Pandas in the near future!

Holly Mawdsley will be joining the Panda team, she is currently doing an early years degree at Chichester University but will be with us 3-4 days a week.

WORLD BOOK DAY-MARCH 7th

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.



PANCAKE DAY

We shall be celebrating this tradition on Tuesday 5th March with lots of mixing, tossing and eating!





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FACEBOOK

Just to remind parents we are posting pictures of events at Teddy Bears as and when they happen, so ensure you go online and have a look. Comments are always welcome too!!

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

We are happy to inform you we recently received the top 5 * rating from the environmental health authority for our premises for the SIXTH time running.



WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE GARDEN?

Polar Bears- These children will be building dens using various materials to link with their 3 pigs story.

Koala Bears- This group love the mud kitchen and will be having fun making mud pies.

Sunshine Bears – This group are loving outdoor roleplay with the kitchen and picnic set as well as creating mud pies in our mud kitchen.

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.

“Following a review of the allocation of early education funding I can confirm that we will, from April 2019, raise the base rate for all childcare providers. Although the Government funding for Portsmouth remains at the same level as last year, we have been able make some efficiency saving centrally and have reduced the 'growth fund'. This means that from April the base rate for 3 and 4 year olds will rise by 8p to £4.17 per hour, with the 2 year old rate rising by 1p to £5.04.

Whilst I appreciate that this small rise will not meet all of the challenges you face, I hope that you will take a moment to join me in taking the positives of this news.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

We have six birthdays this month!

