

Thursday 6th June 2019

Nursery Information and Homework

Literacy

This week in Phonics we have been practising our sounds and singing songs and stories such as 'The Hairy Scary Castle' and 'The Wheels on the Bus'. We have been talking turns to talk in a circle and practised saying our names in a sentence with our Makaton actions. The sound of the week has been 'z' for zebra.

Maths

The children have been singing shape songs, playing with shapes and playing turn taking games such as 'Build a Bug'. They have started using the Numicon resource and pegs to build 'number sandwiches' and looked at the different colours for each of the number pieces.

Topic

Our topic for the final term of the year is 'Mermaids, Pirates and Under the Sea'. We have begun this week by looking at sea creatures such as fish, crabs, octopuses, jellyfish and sea horses. The children have started to learn some facts about the different animals and thought about what they looked like.

Homework

In order to support the children's speech and language development further, I will be adding a section to the newsletter each week where I will have a strategy that you can just use at home to support your child's speech and language development.

This week's strategy is **Simplify**. In simple terms, this just means that you use short phrases and sentences to help children to increase their vocabulary. You do this by introducing new words in short sentences that they can understand.

By involving them like this in what you are doing, you will be increasing their understanding and vocabulary without even realising that you are doing it.

Hatton Adventure World

Many thanks to everyone who came with us on our trips before half term. The children all had an amazing time and loved every second of it. They were brilliant with all of the different animals they got to see and really well behaved for the entire day.



End of the Day

Please could we ask that parents stay out of the Nursery outdoor area until we have opened the gate at the end of the day, as the children become very distracted once they see their Mum's, Dad's or Carer's arrive and find it hard to focus on our end of day routines and activities. We also ask that the children do not dig in our new gardening area, as there are plants in there we are trying to grow. Thank you for your understanding.

Unfortunately, our new playhouse has had some teething issues and is out of bounds whilst we sort them out. Please can you make sure that the children are not opening the doors are going inside, until these issues have been resolved.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Hudson and Miss Benham