

REMOTE LEARNING

The Nursery children and their parents have embraced remote learning activities over the last three weeks – we are super impressed with the activities they have been sharing on Tapestry!

The first week we focussed on Winter starting the week's theme off by reading 'When will it be Spring?' by Catherine Waters, a story about a bear in winter. The children were encouraged to talk about how some animals cope with the challenges of winter and changes in weather/temperature (i.e. by hibernating). Activities the children particularly enjoyed included making their very own bird feeders; going on a winter walk searching for signs of winter and collecting items like twigs and cones to use at home in maths activities and to enhance their playdough creations; exploring freezing and melting - attempting to rescue toys frozen in ice using rolling pins and salt and observing the changes.

The second week marked the start of our topic for the term – Happily Ever After, which is based around traditional tales. So far this term we have focussed on The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and, The Gingerbread Man. The children have been encouraged to discuss the moral of each story; listen to alternative retellings and compare similarities and differences; to create their own puppets for each character and then use these to tell the story to someone in their family; to paint their favourite character or part of the story and explain what they have painted and why it is their favourite character/part of the story. They have enjoyed making playdough, snow dough, building bridges for the Billy Goats Gruff, making gingerbread men and porridge (for the Three Bears).

In Phonics the children have enjoyed Phase 1 activities focussing on body percussion, rhyme and alliteration.

They have continued to practise name recognition and writing – creating their very own name puzzles.

In Maths they have been working on reciting numbers in order to at least 10, counting items accurately to at least 10 by touch counting and recognising numerals to at least 5. They have also looked at size and capacity linked specifically to The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

They been regularly participating in Dough Disco at home, developing the muscles in their hands and wrists to help them mark make and write.

Well done to all nursery children and parents and thank you for sharing your learning with us!

Miss Rainfray



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For those children working on systems that don't have MS Office products installed (MS Word, powerpoint etc). We are recommending these FREE office suites. They will allow you to open all .doc and .ppt files

<https://www.openoffice.org/download/>

<https://www.libreoffice.org/download/download/>

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Featured stories this week include an eco-aware little girl and a crab; Elmer is back with a story about rainbows and a tiny werewolf arrives at monster school and tries to fit in. Clem and Crab has a colouring activity and the Elmer story also has a whole pack to accompany it.

For access to all current videos, you can use the www.Schoolreaders.org/storytime and **love2read** password and send these out to parents and carers or alternatively send the YouTube links below. As previously, due to copyright permissions please only share via e-mail, closed apps or on closed groups.

Older Readers: the Storytime portal also has a selection of videos for older readers at www.schoolreaders.org/storytime (password - love2read) including a new story from Anthony Browne and others by Quentin Blake and Joyce Lankester Brisley.

Spring term, Week 3

[‘Elmer’ read by the author David McKee](#)

Elmer is different. Elmer is patchwork. The grey elephants all love him, but he soon starts to wonder what it would be like to be just the same as them...
 With our thanks to David McKee for reading his story. There is a fantastic activity pack for Elmer available [here](#) and on the activity section of the Schoolreaders website.
 Reading Age 5+

[‘Just One of Those Days’ by Jill Murphy](#)

It had been a long night... so Mr and Mrs Bear woke up late.
 When Mr and Mrs Bear wake up late, it's raining outside - and Baby Bear is late for nursery. Then Mrs Bear sits on her glasses at muddle through cheerfully, and there's even a surprise for Baby Bear when Mr Bear gets home from work.
 Reading Age 5+

[‘Boogie Bear’ by David Walliams](#)

Up at the North Pole, a big furry polar bear is swimming, fishing and eating. But when she nods off and finds herself far from home, she thinks things can't get any worse. But they can...Much worse!
 Reading Age 6+

[‘Not now, Bernard’](#) by David McKee read by actor Ben Bailey Smith (please be aware that Bernard gets eaten) which has a great [activity](#) to go with it.
 He's found a monster in the back garden but his mum and dad are just too busy to notice. So Bernard tries to befriend the monster... and that doesn't go quite to plan.
 Reading Age 6+