

## Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### **Nursery**

It has been a busy week in Nursery, which started off with a hunt for Mrs Sprigmore's special bear. Mrs Sprigmore's special bear had come to visit over the weekend and realising that there was no-one in nursery went to explore the school. Clues were left as to his whereabouts and the children and nursery team went on a hunt. They finally found him in the hall, holding a copy of his favourite story – *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen. This was a great hook for our story of the week – *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. The children have enjoyed lots of fun different activities linked to the story including yoga, building bear caves using large and small construction resources and junk modelling materials, making bears out of playdough, exploring the different environments through small world play and using musical instruments to create sound effects for different parts of the story, working together to retell the story and considering alternative endings. In Maths, we have used the story to explore position and positional language. The children had lots of fun working together to set up an obstacle course using directional and positional language to arrange the activities and agreed what each obstacle was going to be i.e., do you go over or under the hurdle, round or over the cone, through or over the hoop. In Phonics, we have enjoyed playing with words, exploring syllable patterns, and using percussion instruments to make the number of syllables in each word.

### **Reception**

This week in Reception we have jumped back into our Superhero topic and have been reading *Superworm* by Julia Donaldson. We have been busy making and writing potions to help free Superworm from the Evil Wizard Lizard. The children have also loved finding out more about real life worms and we have learnt lots of facts, I hope they have shared a few with you. We have also been busy turning ourselves into superheroes, this involved children taking a photo of their head and drawing their superhero body onto it. There was lots of discussion over our superhero names and what powers we would have. The children have been very creative this week, exploring the use of oil pastels to draw flowers and animals.

In phonics we continue focussing on our phase three sounds and blending skills. This week we have focused on 'th', 'ng', 'ai' and 'ee'. Please continue to work on your child's sound recognition at home. You should be aiming to listen to your child read or work on phonics skills, for ten minutes each night. Please record this in their school diary, so we know when to change their reading books. In Maths we have been working on our number bonds to ten and have used ten frames, Numicon and songs to help us. We have loved the Funky Fingers activity this week where we had to work out the number clues to open the padlocks and free the superheroes!

Last week Reception participated in their first whole school assembly. Although a little different to normal times and held virtually in our classrooms, the children sat and listened beautifully to Mrs Ramsay. They enjoyed listening to the story 'Rainbows after Rain' and hearing who had won star of the week across the school. Great work Jeffers Class!

