



# Temple Grove Academy

## Tunbridge Wells

### Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

#### Nursery

What fun we've had this week in Donaldson Class. We arrived at Nursery on Monday to discover a pathway of straw. This led us to the traditional tale of *The Three Little Pigs* – our first Terrific Tale this term. We read the story and created our own large scale story map which we will be using next week to re-tell the story, adding Makaton actions to help us recall key story vocabulary. We explored the materials *The Three Little Pigs* used to create their house and worked collaboratively in pairs to recreate each house. Once all houses were complete we pretended to be *The Big Bad Wolf* and attempted to blow down each house – most of us successfully managed to ‘huff and puff’ and blow down the straw and stick houses however we all had to bring out the hair dryer for the brick house, which still wouldn’t budge – we established that out of the three different materials the pigs used, bricks are definitely the strongest materials to build houses out of. We engaged in lots of activities linked to the tale and particularly enjoyed threading piggy tails, painting our favourite characters, exploring the small world scene, acting out the story and using junk modelling materials to re-create each little pigs house. In phonics we were introduced to *Bouncy Ben* who makes a ‘b’ sound. The children made a great attempt at writing the letter ‘b’ using correct formation. In maths we learnt all about the number 3.



#### Reception

What an amazing week we have all been having in Jeffers Class.

We have really thrown ourselves into the story of Little Red Riding Hood. In our reading corner we have created a lovely story sack for the children to use to re-tell the story. It has also supported their Literacy session as they have been changing characters to create their own version. We have also been learning and using descriptive language to describe the characters. The children used their phonic knowledge to write describing words for the main characters.

During maths we have been learning to count objects and actions, link a number symbol to its cardinal value and explore the composition of numbers to 10. We also had a fantastic small group game of number snap, which the children enjoyed.

Lots of learning has been taking place outside, especially exploring the music section. They have been creating sounds and actions linked to Winter. They have also enjoyed creating an obstacle course based on the route Little Red Riding Hood took to see her grandma. They have had lots of fun trying to make this extremely difficult for their friends to complete.

Hopefully next week will be just as fun!

This is a reminder that all children need to bring in their reading book to be changed on their reading day.

Thank you for your continued support 😊

