

Nursery

This week we have continued exploring the traditional tale of *The Three Little Pigs*.

We have been practising retelling the story using our story-map alongside Makaton actions to help us recall key story vocabulary. We had lots of fun exploring printing with straw, sticks and bricks. In maths, we have used balances to explore and compare the weight of different objects around the classroom.

In phonics, we reviewed *Annie Apple* and *Bouncy Ben* and were introduced to the next character in our Letterland journey – *Clever Cat* who makes a 'c' sound. The children enjoyed creating their own *Clever Cat* masks and made a great attempt at writing the letter 'c' using correct formation. Other activities the children have enjoyed this week include designing and building houses for *The Three Little Pigs*, identifying and sorting objects – 3 or not 3, wheelie fun on the large playground, playing with the dinosaurs and castle, and practising pre-writing shapes. We have also welcomed another two new children to the Nursery. The next Forest School will take place on Tuesday 8th February. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed.



Reception

This week in maths we have been focusing on combining two groups to make a whole. We have had lots of hands-on learning, investigating with cubes, counters and counting bears, even using the playground to complete our maths sessions. We have now been introduced to our new phonics scheme - Letterland and have met all the Letterland characters. We are really working hard on our segmenting and blending, which is really improving. During literacy this week we all had to think of items we would take to Grandma's house in our basket, just like *Little Red Riding Hood*. We all tried extremely hard to use our phonics to sound out the words we wanted to write and write them down. We have made great progress in our writing.

Outside we have been completing some observational drawings of the landscape, paying particular attention to the trees. We are observing how they look in Winter and the changes that are going to take place as Spring arrives. We have also been learning about and painting in the style of Klimt. He uses some beautiful patterns along with some very bold, metallic colours. This has been extremely fun and wonderful to see the artist's style portrayed in the children's artwork. This is a reminder that all children need to bring in their reading book to be changed on their reading day and the next Forest School will take place on Tuesday 8th February.

