



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really pleased to have lots of new friends join our homebase groups this term. The nursery is certainly alive with a buzz of activity.

At nursery we like to keep in touch with parents, share information and help you to feel involved in a variety of ways. Coming up soon on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, we have our welcome meeting for new parents, a sign-up sheet is available at the school office. We will also be sending out a parent questionnaire shortly via survey monkey. Of course, at any time if you have any queries or concerns you may speak to your key person, class teacher or myself via the school office.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent story and rhyme times this week. Singing rhymes together and retelling stories is helping your child with their language and early literacy skills and is fun to do. We do hope you enjoyed it and we will be offering another session after half term.

I hope you have a restful half term break.

Mrs Z Keating

(Interim Headteacher)

## Winter Illnesses

Unfortunately, it is the time of year when there are lots of 'bugs' about. Nursery has lots of children in close proximity and things can spread easily. We are teaching the children to:

**Catch it**



**Bin it**



**Kill it**



If we all follow this advice it helps to reduce the spread of various illnesses.

## New Learning Area

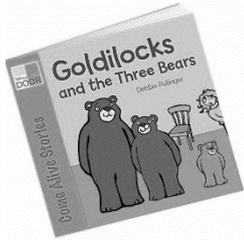
We have extended our role play in the classroom and in our garden area. Role play develops communication and language skills, enables children to investigate real life situations, develop imagination and it also helps to foster decision making skills too. Recently we have had a doctor surgery in our classroom, where children have been



showing lots of empathy towards others and have been thinking about looking after our friends. Out in the garden, we have our very own 'Tesco'. This has created lots of opportunities to practice mark making writing shopping lists and to count out produce we are buying.



## Goldilocks



We have been learning about the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. This story has lots of repeated phrases, so it is easier for children to remember it and join in. There is lots of great mathematical and other vocabulary in it, such as 'big', 'medium', 'small', 'soft', 'hard', 'hot' and 'cold'.

## Simple Online Safety Tips for your Family

- Only talk to people you know and trust in real life.
- Don't give away your personal information to strangers.
- Set your profiles to private.
- Be 'share aware'.
- Be mindful of your digital footprint.
- Don't assume everything you see is true to life.
- Watch out for hoaxes and scams.

We will be offering more support for e-safety later in the year.

## Communication and Language

At nursery, we use Makaton signs alongside spoken words to support children's understanding and ability to communicate their needs. Here are some useful words with the sign you can do at the same time as saying the word.



Help



More



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Hello