

Primary 1 Newsletter: November 2021

Number activities

- Continue to sing/say number rhymes.
- Practise oral counting to 10 and beyond, recognising numerals 1 to 10.
- In school our focus will be on the numbers 5 to 8.
- Help your child to use different ways to make three and four i.e. 0 and 3 make 3, 1 and 2 make 3 etc. Recite oral number stories of 3, 4 and 5.



Goldilocks and The Three bears

We will be starting our topic on 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' and the children will be covering all areas of the curriculum through this topic.

- Read the story of The Three Bear's encouraging your child to re-tell the story in their own words and pointing out some familiar words. If you do not have a copy of the book your local library should have a copy.
- Encourage your child to explore mathematical language through this story e.g, whose bowl is the **biggest** whose bowl is the **smallest**. Encourage them to use the vocabulary **middle-sized**, **big**, **small**, **high** and **low**.
- As our 'World Around Us' focus we will be investigating bears - learning where they live, what they eat, and the different varieties of bears that exist. Encourage your child to look for information books on bears.

November Theme 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears'

Homework

Your child will have a range of oral, written and Seesaw homework every week. It would be helpful if you could have the following items at home to help complete the homework:

- A pair of children's **scissors**, **glue stick** and some **colouring pencils or crayons**.
- The homework is designed to be a fun activity and will re-enforce the work being done in class. Please do not worry if your child's work is not perfect. We can only expect them to do their best!
- We are starting to send home reading books and some key words to introduce your child to the characters in their reading scheme. Please encourage your child to tell the story orally using the guidance notes to help you.

Find a quiet place for you to work with your child and allow them to do their own cutting and sticking, writing and colouring themselves. If your child is experiencing any difficulties with their homework please come and talk to your teacher and we will do our best to sort it out.

Phonics

We are starting to explore letter sounds and letter formation. Please practise letter formation and sounds with your child using a whiteboard or paper and pencil. Encourage sitting properly and a good pencil grip using the thumb and the first two fingers.

PE

Please ensure your child has their PE shoes in this week. We have started indoor PE and all children need to have suitable footwear.

Settling in

Thank you for helping your child to settle so well into Year 1.

Attendance

If your child is absent, please use the school app or contact the office to provide a reason.

Punctuality

Please ensure your child arrives to school at