



Nursery Newsletter



Spring 1 2024

Our topic this half term is: Bears

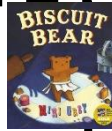
Would you like to go on a bear hunt?

Children will listen to different stories about bears and they will retell the stories they hear. The children will learn simple facts about bears, including where they live and what they eat. We will look at teddy bears including some very old bears and compare them to the children's own teddy bears. We will work creatively thinking about bears eg using paint, collage materials, make paper plate bear faces and bake bear biscuits and decorate them. The children will be able to build chairs and beds for the three bears (Goldilocks and the Three Bears) and go on bear hunts in the classroom and in the Outdoor Area; keeping a record of the bears they find thinking about different sizes and colours. We will also have a 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' together, making simple sandwiches and having fun with our teddy bears.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



Maths

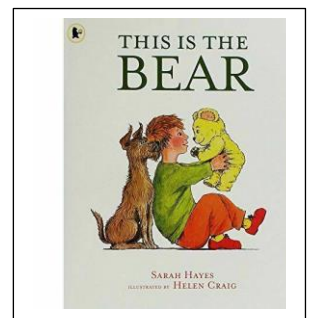


In maths we will explore capacity and weight whilst baking biscuit bears. We will also use a selection of bowls and porridge oats to explore quantity. We will find out which bowl holds the most/least porridge? We will learn the vocabulary of capacity such as full, half-full, empty and overflowing. We will measure our teddy bears using cubes and other objects and order objects by size. We are going to create repeating patterns using compare bears or pictures from a bear story. We will go on a 'Bear Hunt' in the classroom and in the Outdoor Area we will be looking for bears of different colours and sizes. We will of course keep counting and learning new number songs.

Literacy

We will read a very wide variety of stories about bears eg *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, *Biscuit Bear*, *This is the Bear*, *This is the Bear and the Scary Night* and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. We will encourage the children to ask questions and retell the stories when they are confident. We will continue to practise drawing, making marks using different tools and writing our names.

The Nursery team would like to say a big thank you for our Christmas gifts, cards and well wishes. We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.



Dates to remember...

- Wednesday 31st January – Stay and Play (8.45 am or 2.15 pm)
- Friday 2nd February – Science Day
- Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day
- Last day of the half term – Friday 9th February, returning Monday 19th February back to school.



You can help by...

- Reading stories with your child that you have about bears.
- Practise drawing bears at home and talking about the bears you remember as a child.
- Help your child to practise writing their name at home too.

PLEASE REMEMBER WARM COATS, HATS, SCARVES AND MITTENS FOR THE COLD WEATHER. WELLINGTON BOOTS AND SHOES TO CHANGE INTO WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED AS WE ACCESS OUTDOOR PLAY ALL WINTER. Thank you