



Week 27<sup>th</sup> September -1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

## Topic: Bears

Dear Parents,

This is our weekly bulletin. It is our aim to keep you informed about what your child is learning at school. The activities are suggestions of how you can help at home. You can make an observation on Tapestry of the activities your child chooses to do. Thank you for your continued support.

### Phonics

The children have started learning phonics using the Read Write Inc programme (RWInc). They are learning how to pronounce the sounds clearly using pure sounds ('m' not 'muh')

The link below demonstrates the correct pronunciation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yln6PpV1G1I>

The children have learnt to recognise these sounds; m, a, s, d, t.

They have learnt how to orally blend sounds to say words (Fred Talk). The link below explains how to do 'Fred Talk' [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEzfpod5w\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEzfpod5w_Q)

Have a go at using 'Fred Talk' to sound out and blend these words; dog, duck, pig.

#### Fred Talk routine

1. Say the word in sounds as Fred e.g. c-a-t.
2. Ask your child to repeat. Can they 'jump-in' with the whole word?
3. Say the word in sounds followed by the whole word e.g. c-a-t, cat
4. Ask your child to repeat



### Handwriting

They have also had a go writing m, a, s, d, t during phonics. Please practise these letters with your child at home. Below shows a checklist and images for guidance.



Checklist: Maisie and the mountains

- ✓ start at Maisie's head
- ✓ draw a straight body for Maisie
- ✓ go over the mountains – from Maisie's waist
- ✓ check the mountains are the same height as Maisie
- ✓ add a small curl for the grass



Checklist: snake

- ✓ start at the snake's head
- ✓ curl one way
- ✓ curl the other



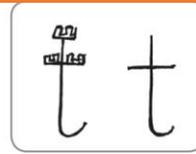
Checklist: apple

- ✓ start at the stalk
- ✓ draw a nice round apple
- ✓ go back up to the stalk, then down
- ✓ curl the leaf at the bottom



Checklist: dinosaur

- ✓ draw a big round bottom
- ✓ up the tall neck
- ✓ down the straight line to the feet
- ✓ draw a curl for the feet



Checklist: tower

- ✓ start at the top of the tower
- ✓ draw a straight line down the tower
- ✓ add a curl at the bottom – then lift the pencil off the page
- ✓ draw a straight line across the tower

## Literacy

We have been looking at the story 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?' and are learning to retell the story using actions and a story map. This week we will be modelling how to write a sentence. The children will learn that we break the flow of speech into words, we write from left to right, letters represent the sounds in the words we say and writing a is made of words and spaces between words.

## Bears

Please can your child bring in a **teddy bear** from **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**. We will keep them safe in a box, **but please ensure they are named**. We will be talking about our bears, painting them and writing labels for them next week.



## Maths

We are looking at comparing numbers and using the language, 'more' and 'fewer.' Have a go at this activity. Please make an observation for your child's tapestry account.

Collect two groups of objects from around your house or some natural objects from outside. Compare the two groups, what do you notice?



Talk about which group has more objects and which group has fewer objects.

Key vocabulary
more fewer

### **Please Remember-**

- School is now providing fruit for snack time so there is no need to bring any fruit from home. However, please send in a labelled bottle of water for your child to use during the day.
- If your child is having a packed lunch, please send in a named lunch bag.
- If your child is having a lunch provided by school, please talk to your child about the options on offer for that day.
- **Please don't send in a lunch bag if your child is having a school lunch.**

### **Family Photos**

Thank you to those of you who have sent in a family photo. If you haven't sent your child in with a photo, please do as we are starting to make our display next week. The photo can be uploaded to tapestry or sent in your child's book bag.



Please ensure you keep up to date with all the school dates/news and PTA events at our website, [www.willowbankinfant.com](http://www.willowbankinfant.com). Mrs Masters publishes a weekly newsletter every Friday.