



## Playgroup News – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Hello Everyone,

Here is our 'Playgroup News' for this week....



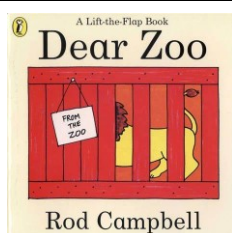
### LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK!

The children have continued to settle really well and any tears or upset is over very quickly with the children very quickly settling down to play happily with their peers.

This week the children have had lots of fantastic learning opportunities to develop their physical skills out on the playground with the bikes and scooters. They had a great time baking some delicious cakes, learning all about safety in the kitchen, discussing the importance of needing a grown up to help and learning different ways to melt yummy chocolate.

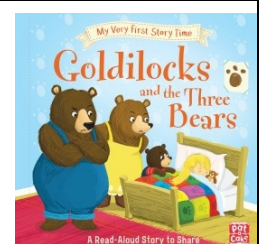
The children have had lots of interest in small world play, especially with vehicles and the doll's house. They have been introducing stories and narratives in their play, developing their imagination and communication skills. We have also been measuring all of our heights and then we will do this again throughout the year to see how much we have grown!! Don't forget to check Tapestry for more information on what we've been up to!

Here are some pictures of our week:



### Story Making

Each Half-Term we introduce a new story to the children. Our 'Story-Making' texts this term are: Goldilocks and the Three Bears for the Pre-school children and Dear Zoo for the younger children. Story-Making is designed to support children in developing a love for stories and support their early



literacy skills. We focus on a simple text each half term and bring the story to life, embedding it into the children's memories through a combination of story-telling, props, recall, role-play, story mapping and sequencing.



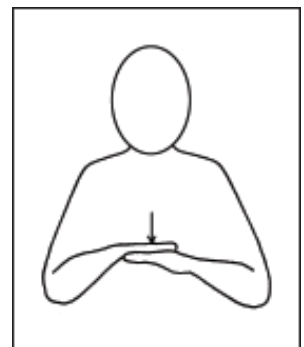
We would like to take this opportunity to say a MASSIVE THANK YOU to one of our parents who so kindly put our setting forward to receive a donation from 'The Jane Ball Trust.' We were contacted yesterday and we have been granted **£5000!!** As a charity playgroup, any donation is always so gratefully received but to receive such a large sum of money has been truly overwhelming and we are extremely grateful. The donation will be spent on continuing to provide the children in our care with fantastic learning opportunities and resources. We will keep you up to date on how this donation will be used!!

#### MAKATON



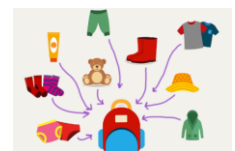
Each week we will be learning a MAKATON sign. Makaton is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate.

With Makaton, signs are used, with speech, in spoken word order. This helps provide extra clues about what someone is saying. The sign we are learning for this coming week is: **SIT**



#### Polite Reminders

- Please can children have a bag of spare clothes that can stay on their peg.
- Please can you ensure your child brings a named water bottle with them each session so they have access to a drink throughout the day. This is a **legal** and **statutory** requirement. They are able to have a drink of their choice with their lunch but at all other times they **MUST** have a water bottle. The room has a designated 'Water Station' and the children are reminded at various intervals during the day to have a drink.



#### **Committee Members needed!!!!**

Coalway Early Years is a committee run, non-profit making charity. The committee are a group of volunteers, including parents, who hold regular, informal meetings to discuss the running of the group, help to make decisions based on our improvement plan, and oversee the playgroup budget. We legally have to have a committee in order for the playgroup to operate so we really need your help!! Please see a member of the office staff if you would like to join!!





Share books!

### Share-a-book

Over the coming weeks we will be introducing our share-a-book scheme. Your child will be able to choose a book from the setting to share at home with you. Reading with your child is so important and has so many benefits such as improved language, increased concentration but most importantly it is an opportunity to develop a special bond with your child. Book bags will be available from the office for £1.50.



### VACANCY AVAILABLE- CLEANER REQUIRED- IMMEDIATE START

Coalway Early Years are looking to employ a Cleaner for 5 hours per week, with the potential to increase to 10 hours per week, term-time only after 3:15pm. Duties will include vacuuming, mopping, cleaning and disinfecting toilets and securing the building. The successful candidate will be subject to an Enhanced DBS check and will need to provide references. An application pack is available to download from our website [www.coalwayearlyyears.co.uk](http://www.coalwayearlyyears.co.uk) or you can email [bcplaygroup@btinternet.com](mailto:bcplaygroup@btinternet.com) or call 01594 839436. The closing date for applicants is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.