



Playgroup News – Monday 24th January 2022



Hello Everyone... Here is our Playgroup News for this week...

Look what we've been up to this week!

This week the Squirrel children have been learning nursery rhymes and signs with Mr Tumble to continue to support their language development. They have enjoyed exploring the sand tray to find hidden treasure and learning simple mathematical concepts such as 'full' and 'empty' when filling and emptying different sized containers. The children have also continued to develop their fine motor control through the use of playdough, strengthening their muscles by manipulating the dough into shapes, again this has also reinforced mathematical development through shape recognition.



During free-play, both indoors and outdoors, the children have shown an interest in using the small world resources such as trains, cars and houses and incorporating the soft play to extend their imaginative play.

We have also been practicing our listening and attention skills during circle times by exploring the musical instruments and following adult instructions to play the instruments loudly and quietly and waiting for the adult to tell us when to 'stop' and 'go.'



This week the Penguin children have continued to be very engaged in the arts and crafts area, continuing to use the junk modelling to build resources that support their imaginative play and continuing to develop their scissors control by cutting intricately, following lines and curves. The children have a real interest in the new film 'Encanto' and have been introducing this into their play, especially through mark making, drawing

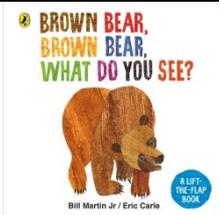
objects and characters from the film. They have been developing their critical thinking skills by thinking of ways to strengthen their models, for example using sticks to make wands. The children have also been showcasing their problem solving ability when building towers, thinking about ways they can build towers which are taller than themselves. This has enabled them to consolidate their mathematical knowledge by using vocabulary such as tall/ short/ tall/ more.

Please remember to check Tapestry for more information about what your children have been learning over the past week.

Important Notices

- **Please** can we ask that all children have a warm coat with them every sessions and a hat and gloves (all named) They access outdoor play for long periods of time- **please no all- in-one suits/ snowsuits.**
- **Please** can you ensure children are dropped off at the bottom of the gate and a member of staff is aware that your child has entered the room.



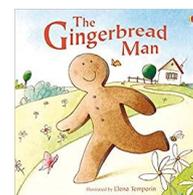


Story Making

This term our story making texts are:

Brown Bear, Brown Bear- Squirrel Children

The Gingerbread Man- Penguin Children



This week the Squirrel Children will be retelling the story using masks and props and the Penguin children will be creating a story map. (Drawing key events in the story and retelling the story from the drawings.)

MAKATON

Each week we learn a new MAKATON sign and the sign for this week is

MORE.



Flat hand,
palm down,
covers top of
other fist.

more

We are hiring...! CHANGE OF HOURS!



We are advertising for a Level 3 Early Years Educator required for **17.5 hours per week**. This term time only position is on a short-term contract starting February 2022 until July 2022 with the potential of being extended.



The successful candidate will be motivated, creative and enthusiastic with an excellent understanding of the EYFS and a clear knowledge of safeguarding. It is desirable for applicants to have certificates in Paediatric First Aid and Safeguarding. You will need experience of working at Level 3 in Early Years. If you are looking for a short-term opportunity that may have the potential to be extended, then we are keen to hear from you. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check and suitable references. Closing date Friday 11th February 2022.

Please email bcplaygroup@btinternet.com for an Application Pack or contact Carly Halford/Sarah Rawlings, Early Years Managers on 01594 839436.



Dates for the Diary

- **End of term- Friday 18th February 2022**