

# Primary 1 Newsletter: November 2018

## 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 4 and 5. Some of the children will be sequencing numbers.
- Help your child to use different ways to make three and four i.e. 1 and 2 make 3, 3 and 0 make 3 etc. Recite oral number story of 3 and 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 the bear- 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 be taking home some practical, oral and simple written 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.
- Please ensure that your child brings a schoolbag every day.

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.

**Please remember to send an envelope/purse with your child's break money. We collect £1 every week which provides your child's snack and also helps towards the cost of any trips/resources. Please ensure that your child brings a schoolbag to school every day.**

## Phonics

We are starting to explore letter sounds, letter names and formal letter formation. This month we are focusing on , m, o, c, f . You can practise the letters each week. Focus on the correct formation which is shown on the attached sheet. Encourage sitting properly and a good pencil grip using the thumb and the first two fingers.

## Settling in

Thank you for helping your child to settle so well into Year 1. If you have any concerns about your child's progress or require any other information please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or make an appointment to meet them.

## Art and Craft

Please send in an empty cereal box for the children to make the 3 bear's cottage.