

Messages:

A big thank you to those who have brought in their snack money, if you have not done yet please do so this week.

Maths

Beginning to explore numbers

It is never too early to explore numbers with your child. Real life often provides the best opportunities to develop early maths skills like counting and recognising numbers. These ideas will help your child to explore numbers, giving them a great start to developing early maths skills and concepts.

Things to try with your child

1. Listen to and sing songs and rhymes

Sing – even if it is not your strong point! Sing counting songs, such as '10 Green Bottles', '1, 2, Buckle My Shoe' and '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive'. Singing songs is a good way for children to become familiar with counting. Do not worry if they choose the same songs repeatedly!

2. Talk about numbers around you

Numbers are all around us, from calendars to the remote control, the telephone to car registration plates. Try pointing out numbers when you are out and about – on front doors, signs, the front of buses and train platforms. Talking about numbers around you early and often will show your child that numbers are part of everyday life. Choose a 'Number of the Week' and see how many times you can spot this number, around the house, out in the street or in the supermarket.

Maths:

In maths this week, we will be focusing on ordering, sorting and counting different objects based on colours. There are many fun activities to do with colours; the children will have a Teddy Bear picnic, go on a scavenger colour hunt etc. We will talk as well about some positional language words: in, on and under.



We're Going on a Bear Hunt books list that you can find them on YouTube:

1. Demon Teddy by Nicholas Allan
2. The Teddy Robber by Ian Beck
3. Biscuit Bear by Mini Grey
4. Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See? by Eric Carle and Bill Martin Jnr
5. The Bear Under the Stairs by Helen Cooper
6. Where's My Teddy? by Jez Alborough
7. This is the Bear by Sarah Hayes and Helen Craig
8. Can't You Sleep Little Bear? by Martin Waddell and Barbara Firth
9. Peace at Last by Jill Murphy
10. Orange Pear Apple Bear by Emily Gravett

English:



This week our focus story is 'We're a going on a bear hunt?'

Facing Fears

This story is actually a good lesson about facing fears. Big creatures like bears are something that most kids would be a bit afraid of. However, we go out looking for one anyway. The phrase "We're not scared" repeats after each obstacle. Here are some ways to discuss fears with your kids.

Ask them what other kinds of creatures they would want to go on a hunt to see. Ask them what they would not want to see on a hunt. Then talk about why or why not.

Have the kids draw pictures of things that scare them. Then talk about things they could do if they see the things they are afraid of.

For example, if they are scared of spiders and they see one, they can call an adult to get rid of the spider or they can go play somewhere away from the spider. Knowing what to do in a scary situation can help reduce anxiety and make the object or event less frightening.

If they are feeling brave, you could go on a hunt for something that frightens them a little, like a ghost hunt or a zombie hunt. Instead of crossing through things to get to a bear cave, go on a ghost hunt to a spooky old mansion. It is a fun way to face your fears.

Learning to overcome fear is a big accomplishment, but sometimes caution is a good thing. Bear Hunt also teaches when you should run from or avoid danger. In the story, when they find a real bear, they run away. Talk about why you should be careful around real bears, especially in the wild, without making them afraid of bears. Give them examples of when a bear would be safe for them to be around like at the zoo or a wildlife park. Talk about other things that you should be careful about because they could be dangerous. Make sure to explain the difference between being careful and being afraid.



