Nursery Parent Planning Week Beginning 19th November 2018

Developing Independence at Home

- If your child can put their coat on, maybe they can have a go at doing up one of the buttons or pulling up the zip once you have started it off. Working alongside your child is often helpful so that they can learn skills by watching you.
- Children do need extra time to manage even simple tasks, but gradually, they will speed up and become capable. Sometimes a little more time or a few words of encouragement are all your child needs.
- Life is full of choices, and learning how to make good decisions is crucial. You can help your child by giving simple choices early on. You might ask them which game they would like to play or which friend they would like to invite over.

Shape

Next week we will be learning about 2D shapes. We will be beginning to talk about the properties of shapes and compare different sizes of the same shape.

The children will have small bag with a variety of shapes in such as a triangle, circle, rectangle, square and hexagon.

They will be feeling the shapes and thinking about what shape they could be. They will then be sorting out the shapes and searching for those shapes in their environment.

At home: Look at shapes in the environment. What shapes can you see? Talk about sides and corners. E.g. A triangle has 3 straight sides and 3 corners.

Number

The children will be focusing on recognising numbers 8 and 9. They will be practising forming the numbers correctly using number rhymes to help them.

- 8 Make a 's' and do not wait, when it's joined up you have an eight
- 9 Make a loop and then a line, that's the way we make a nine

At home: You could take a picture of the numbers you find out and about. Practise writing them when you get home using the rhymes.

Notes

- □ Nursery Christmas Concert 5th
 December 2018 at 11am and 2.30pm
- ☐ Please can all uniform and shoes be named.
- □If your child has borrowed nursery clothes please can you remember to return them to us as we are very low on spares.
- ☐ Online applications for children who are starting Reception in September 2019 opened on the Saturday 1st September 2018 and will close on Tuesday 15th January 2019
- □Rhyme bags and story bags will be given out on Friday and need to be returned by Wednesday.

Rhyme Bags

Next week some children will be taking home a rhyme bag or story bag. These have taken a long time to make and are a precious resource to support you and your child. They are for your child to share with you so please look after them so others can enjoy the same experience. Every child will get the opportunity to take the bags home but please remember we have many children in Nursery and the children will have to take turns.

The rhyme bags will be given out on a Friday so you can enjoy them over the weekend. They need to be returned with all the contents by the following Wednesday so they are ready for someone else to take home. Please remember they are to be used with an adult.

The most important part of sharing books is that you and your child enjoy the experience.

Books are not just about reading the words but provide opportunities for talking and doing things together.

Talking with your child and listening to what they say is vital to their learning.

Literacy

The children will be retelling the story of the gingerbread man. The children will be having a go at acting out the story in the nursery garden. As they move around the playground they will be meeting different characters along the way such as a horse and a cow. They will be encouraged to join in with the key phrases such as "run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the gingerbread man!" However, there is a problem in our version of the story where there is no fox to carry them across the river. The children will work as a team to build a structure that could take them across the river.

At home: Read a variety of stories including traditional tales with your child.

Nursery Christmas Concert

We would love to welcome you to attend the Nursery children's Christmas concert on 5th December 2018.

There will be two performances starting promptly at **11am** and **2.30pm**

The performances will be held in the classroom as it is a familiar place for the children. They will be singing several Christmas songs that they have just started to learn. Each child will be making their own decoration at school for our class tree. You will get the opportunity to see them hang theirs up. Once the tree has been decorated we will turn the lights on and sing some more songs.