



# EYFS Newsletter



## Reception News

*'Kids should speak to each other....The problem with social media is there is too much freedom. It's too much, too young.'* Cara Delevingne

This week, we have been exploring the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We discussed the different materials that houses are made out of. The children were given the opportunity to make one of the pig's houses using straw, sticks or bricks. The children worked cooperatively to retell the story using expression and intonation. In maths, we began to learn the names and properties of 3D shapes and we went on a shape hunt in the school grounds which was very exciting. We were also able to consolidate our recognition of 2D shapes. In phonics, we looked at the sounds oi, ear and air. In ICT, the children enjoyed drawing their favourite part of the story or created their own house using Dazzle.



Enjoying a music lesson with Dr Brand!



Constructing a house for the pigs.

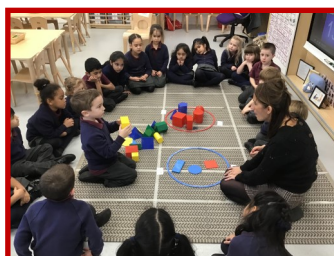


Creating our own three little pigs story.

Using different materials to create a representation of the pigs' houses.



Sorting shapes based on their properties



Retelling the story with fantastic wooden spoon puppets!



## Notices and Reminders

Please can the children bring one snack only to school as they only now have one occasion to eat it.

Mr Blom's assembly is now on Tuesday mornings at 9:00. Please ensure your child is in school by 8:45 so we can be ready to leave for assembly promptly.

Many thanks,  
Reception Team

## Next Week in Reception:

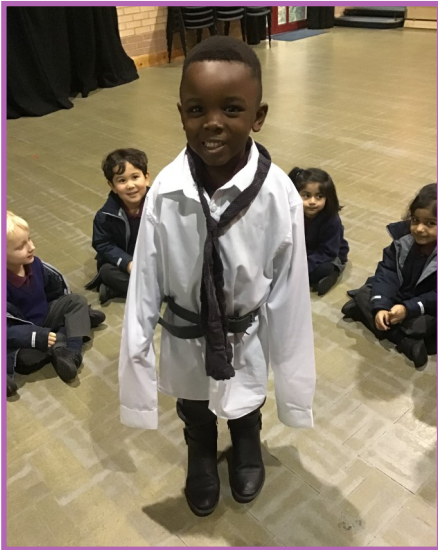
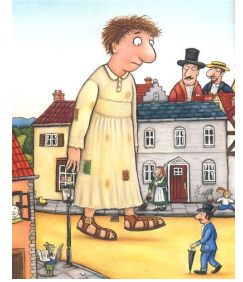
Next week, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. The children will be making a Chinese dragon, exploring Mandarin numbers and writing a shopping list for what foods they would like to try during a special Chinese snack on Friday. In maths, we will be exploring 'estimation' where we will count the number of sweets in a jar. We will be looking at the sounds ure and er in our phonics lessons and reviewing the digraphs and trigraphs.



# Nursery News

## Giant things!

Our topic this half term is 'Giant Things'. We have been learning lots of different words to use instead of 'big' and 'small' when comparing sizes. This week, we have been focussing on the Julia Donaldson story, 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. The children are beginning to identify rhyming words which is helping them join in with repeated refrains in the story. The children are now very familiar with the book and even had the chance to act it out using props during a drama session in the PAC.



By Ava



The Goslings have been making different patterned ties for George the giant, and the Ducklings have enjoyed making their own paper giants with concertina arms and legs.

## Tall and Short

Following on from last week's learning about different sizes of objects, we have been talking about height. The children have loved making very tall towers using a variety of construction resources and they are now proficient in ordering items and people from short to tall. We have been using comparative language in order to identify the tallest and shortest item in a set, and the children have been giving some lovely imaginative comparisons, for example "my tower is tall like the Shard" or "mine is like George the Giant".



Playing a game on the interactive white board to identify the taller object.



"This one is taller"



## Overview of week two's learning:

**Phonics:** Gg, initial, beginning and end sounds in words, rhyming words

**Maths:** Length—Exploring, describing, comparing and ordering

## Notices and reminders:

We are looking forward to celebrating Chinese New Year in Nursery next week. If you have any traditional Chinese clothing or objects which you would like your child to share with their class as part of the celebration, please do let the class teacher know. We would love to give the children a memorable learning experience using authentic props.

**Please remember to check and empty your child's book bag regularly, and to return library books on Monday mornings.**

Thank you!

