

Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 18.11.24

Term 2 topic- Tell me a story

Our story of the week- 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'



Another busy week in school!

We have been carrying out some lovely activities around the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

Please read on and find out what your child has been up to!

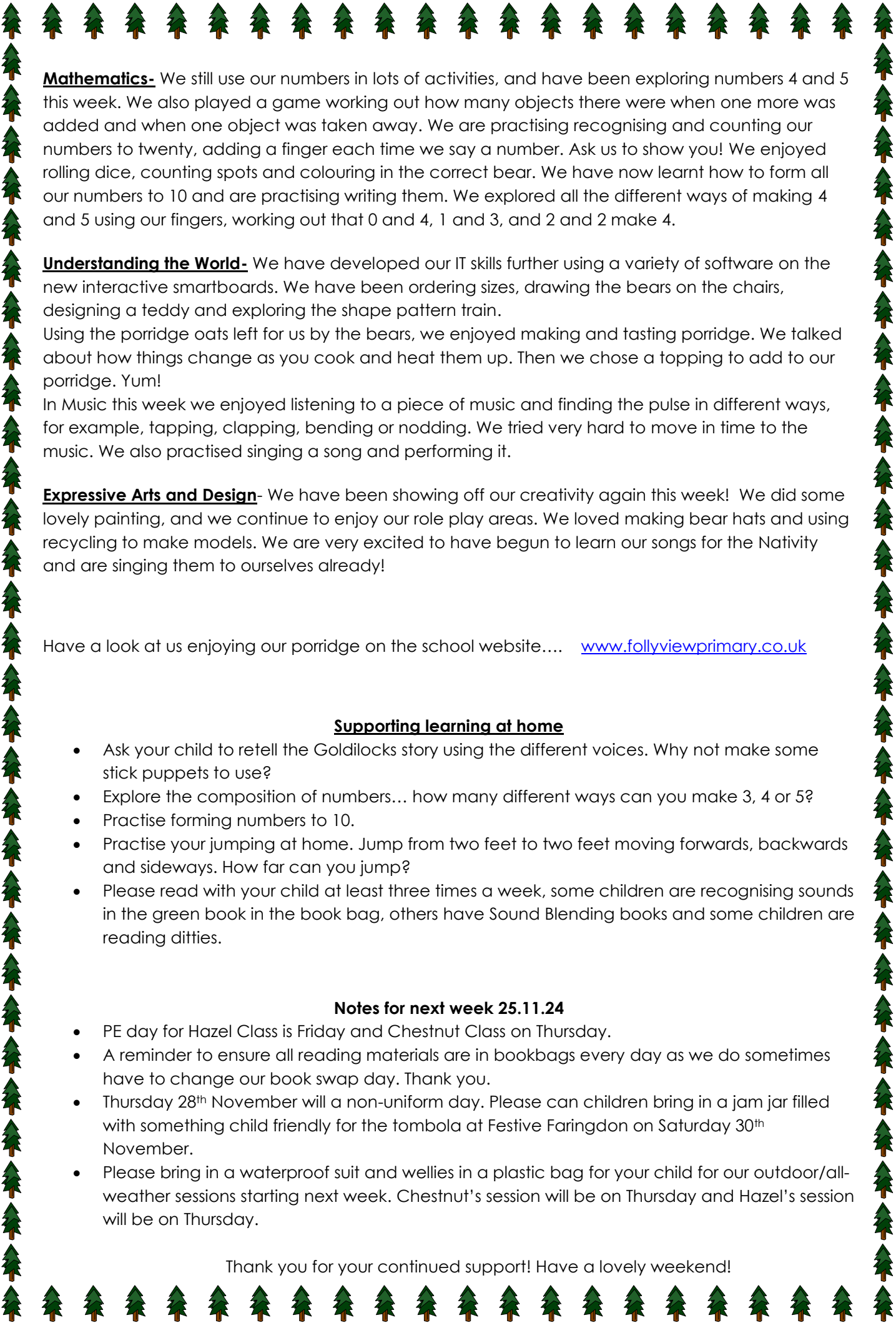
Personal, Social and Emotional Development- In Jigsaw this week we have been thinking about the fact that we are all different. We enjoy doing different activities, wear different clothes to our friends and have different talents and interest. We know it is good to be different. What a boring world it would be if we were all the same! We continue to be Ready, Respectful and Safe in our classrooms and around the school. We have been trying very hard this week to do up our own coats and we were very proud when we discovered we could do it by ourselves. We are also continuing to be Andy Ants, working as a team around the classroom, especially at tidy up time. In Assembly on Friday two children from each class received a certificate in celebration assembly for being amazing Andy Ants at tidy up time.

Communication and Language- We have had some wonderful discussions this week! We were very surprised to discover another hidden object under some drapes. What could it be? We had some great suggestions as to where what could be under the covers and who left it there and why. We discovered some porridge oats and decided the bears had left them for us to make porridge! We shared lots of good ideas about how to be a good friend in school and we chatted about sharing, taking turns, encouraging our friends and playing all together. We also talked about Goldilocks' behaviour! We know we shouldn't walk into just anyone's house, eat their food and sleep in their beds! We have really enjoyed using masks to act out the story of 'Goldilocks' and getting into character. We also like to chat to our friends and the adults in the school about all sorts of things, including what we did at the weekend.

Physical Development- We carry out a variety of activities to help us with our fine and gross motor skills. We use a multitude of malleable materials which make our fingers nice and strong. The oats and water were particularly popular this week and we also loved spooning dry oats onto bowls. We love our outside times and use the space in many different ways e.g. running around with our friends and acting out different scenarios; kicking, throwing and catching balls; hitting small balls using bats and hockey sticks, and using hoops in different ways. In our PE lesson this week we practised our two footed jumping. We tried hard to keep our feet together as we landed and jumped forwards, backwards and sideways.

Literacy- It has been great fun exploring another traditional tale, 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We know that traditional tales are very well known by grown-ups and children and we were excited to hear that the story began with 'once upon a time'. We have learnt so many sounds now! The new sounds this week were 'y', 'w' and 'z'. We have read stories with characters who have been a good friend to others and been kind. There is always a variety of books in our book corner and we love to share them with our friends and we are enjoying listening to a different poem every day before lunch. We are always excited to change our story books every Friday.

Please ensure our class story books are kept in the book bag ready to be changed.



Mathematics- We still use our numbers in lots of activities, and have been exploring numbers 4 and 5 this week. We also played a game working out how many objects there were when one more was added and when one object was taken away. We are practising recognising and counting our numbers to twenty, adding a finger each time we say a number. Ask us to show you! We enjoyed rolling dice, counting spots and colouring in the correct bear. We have now learnt how to form all our numbers to 10 and are practising writing them. We explored all the different ways of making 4 and 5 using our fingers, working out that 0 and 4, 1 and 3, and 2 and 2 make 4.

Understanding the World- We have developed our IT skills further using a variety of software on the new interactive smartboards. We have been ordering sizes, drawing the bears on the chairs, designing a teddy and exploring the shape pattern train. Using the porridge oats left for us by the bears, we enjoyed making and tasting porridge. We talked about how things change as you cook and heat them up. Then we chose a topping to add to our porridge. Yum!

In Music this week we enjoyed listening to a piece of music and finding the pulse in different ways, for example, tapping, clapping, bending or nodding. We tried very hard to move in time to the music. We also practised singing a song and performing it.

Expressive Arts and Design- We have been showing off our creativity again this week! We did some lovely painting, and we continue to enjoy our role play areas. We loved making bear hats and using recycling to make models. We are very excited to have begun to learn our songs for the Nativity and are singing them to ourselves already!

Have a look at us enjoying our porridge on the school website.... www.follyviewprimary.co.uk

Supporting learning at home

- Ask your child to retell the Goldilocks story using the different voices. Why not make some stick puppets to use?
- Explore the composition of numbers... how many different ways can you make 3, 4 or 5?
- Practise forming numbers to 10.
- Practise your jumping at home. Jump from two feet to two feet moving forwards, backwards and sideways. How far can you jump?
- Please read with your child at least three times a week, some children are recognising sounds in the green book in the book bag, others have Sound Blending books and some children are reading ditties.

Notes for next week 25.11.24

- PE day for Hazel Class is Friday and Chestnut Class on Thursday.
- A reminder to ensure all reading materials are in bookbags every day as we do sometimes have to change our book swap day. Thank you.
- Thursday 28th November will a non-uniform day. Please can children bring in a jam jar filled with something child friendly for the tombola at Festive Faringdon on Saturday 30th November.
- Please bring in a waterproof suit and wellies in a plastic bag for your child for our outdoor/all-weather sessions starting next week. Chestnut's session will be on Thursday and Hazel's session will be on Thursday.

Thank you for your continued support! Have a lovely weekend!