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Tree Tots
NURSERY KIRKHAM

Dear Parent and Carers,

What a busy start to the year we have had. Let's find out what everyone has been up to.

What have we been up to.....

During January the Oak Tree staff have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the children tell us about their Christmas experiences, we have also enjoyed looking at the pictures and videos you have shared with us on Tapestry. At the beginning of January we had a lovely visit to Kirkham Library where we travelled by bus which the children all really enjoyed. We explored a variety of books in the library before choosing one book each to bring back to nursery on the bus with us. Oak Tree also had the strangest experience, when we came into nursery after the weekend, our role play area had 3 bears in it asleep in their different sized beds and there was tape across to stop us from going into the role play area. The children did some investigating and found 3 different sized bowls with porridge in and 3 chairs, one of which had broken. The children then each had an idea about who they thought might have come into the room which ranged from Black Panther to Goldilocks. After talking about these ideas we all came to the conclusion it was Goldilocks. We then read the story of Goldilocks and found one jigsaw piece; we then explored the outside area to find the rest of the pieces which we did. We then put together the jigsaw which was a Goldilocks and the Three Bears jigsaw. Because of our Goldilocks experience the children have been doing lots of activities around this story. We have created our own Goldilocks pictures, Three Bears pictures and the cottage that they lived in. We have also been talking about the different sizes of the bears and making word clouds to think about new words for small, medium and large. We have used our funky fingers to balance bears on golf tees and our cutting skills to sequence the story. A few days later we received a letter from Goldilocks to say sorry for eating the porridge and breaking the chair. The children then thought of ideas about how Goldilocks felt and how the bears had felt for a letter to send back to Goldilocks. We had started our visits on a Friday morning to The Manse Nursing Home, the children have really enjoyed meeting the residents and playing with the different equipment we take with us, on our return to nursery every week we discuss who we have seen and what the children have enjoyed doing there. We celebrated Burns Night by talking about the poet Robert Burns, dancing to music being played by bagpipes and creating flags with our funky fingers. We also

celebrated Chinese New Year on the same day as Burns Night. For this we moved like dragons, created Chinese numbers in the red sand and used our funky fingers to create dragons with the pipe cleaners. Thank you for all your continued support with the Makaton and your home challenges.

In Seedlings we have enjoyed lots of exciting activities focusing around bonfire night, creating colourful pictures. We have enjoyed lots of trips to the Post Office. We have been learning lots of number songs including 5 currant buns and 5 speckled frogs. Seedlings have also been enjoying lots of ring games such as hokey cokey and Farmers in the den. During December we mainly focused on Christmas activities and enjoyed all the creativity and singing lots of Christmas songs.

During January Seedlings came back and enjoyed speaking about Christmas, who we spent it with, what presents we got and what we did. We have also enjoyed looking at our family photo books (if you haven't done so already please can you send in some pictures either by email or tapestry). Seedlings have been talking about feelings, what makes us happy, sad and cross. We have been focusing on circle time and group activities. Each morning we have been going outside and having a run around and then talking about how it makes you feel. We have been continuing with our home challenge of putting our own coat on, please can you upload videos and pictures of this onto Tapestry.

During January Acorns have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year. We have made Chinese lanterns, transformed our role play area into a Chinese Restaurant and have enjoyed reading Peppa Pigs Chinese New Year. We have also celebrated Burns Night and have enjoyed colouring in Scottish flags. Acorns have been very creative and all contributed to making a big blossom tree using our gluing and sticking skills. On our mental health and well being day in January we very much enjoyed a visit from Ralph the dog, he put a smile on all our faces 😊

In Little Acorns we have welcomed back children after Christmas and have celebrated three first birthdays and witnessed several first steps. We have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year and have made some wonderful lanterns, blossom pictures and have enjoyed roleplay with our new wok in our Chinese restaurant. Little Acorns have enjoyed several walks to the shops, out in the community and exploring nature and animals. We have enjoyed looking at maths, building towers and forming jigsaws. The babies have also begun to look at the baby dolls, awaiting our visit from Sarah Ainsworth and Hollie. We have also seen two children move up to the Acorns room.

Facebook

We know a lot of parents now follow our page on Facebook and it is fantastic to see so many likes and comments when we post updates regarding your children. What would be even better is if parents could leave a review so that everyone can see what a fantastic nursery we are 😊

Tapestry

Please remember that as a parent you can add videos or pictures to Tapestry. It is preferable to see a video as we can then link the evidence to different areas of your child's learning journey. If you see your child doing something and you feel this is something that needs sharing or celebrating, please feel free to add it on. If you are unsure of how to do this, please see a member of staff in your child's room who will be happy to show you.

Spare Clothes

Please can we remind parents to send their child in with spare clothing. If their child gets wet or has an accident it is important we have something to change them into, especially given the weather has now changed and we do go out in all weathers. Also if you have any spare clothes that you want to get rid of we would be grateful for anything you can spare, especially for the older rooms.

2-year-old funding

Many parents are unaware that they may be eligible for 2-year-old funding for your child. You might be able to claim 15 hours a week free childcare (up to a maximum of 570 hours per year). This is called Free Early Education and it is paid for by the Government. To see if you are eligible please follow this link: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/childcare-and-family-support/free-early-education-for-two-year-olds/>

Dates for diaries

14th February – Valentines Day please wear red or pink.

18th February – Mental Health and Well-Being Day – please everyone wear your “feel good” clothes/outfit/pjs. We will also be encouraging people to bring your pets to nursery – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY – PLEASE SEE OFFICE.

29TH February – Leap day

2nd March – St Davids Day, come dressed in yellow

5th March – World Book Day – come dressed in your favourite book character

9th March – 15th March – Sport Relief week – details to be confirmed

17th March – St Patricks Day – come dressed in green

22nd March – Mothers Day

Kind Regards
Tree Tots Nursery Team