



Elsworth Pre-School Newsletter w/c 10th February 2020

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Collaboration and teamwork...

This week the children have thoroughly enjoyed being the three little pigs. They have retold the story using the puppets, building materials and of course the big bad wolf teddy! We have been playing the big, bad wolf outside in the playhouse, wooden house and mud kitchen area, which the children made into the straw house. We have been exploring different textures of sponges, brushes and materials in the water with different bubble baths to decide which made the best bubbles. The children made predictions about which would make the most, experimented and tried different approaches to problem solve and to make accurate conclusions about the bubbliest materials. We saw perseverance, collaboration and team work as well as the sharing of ideas to build on and further their own learning. We have also seen attentiveness and care given in our doctors role play while the children independently took turns at being doctors and patients in their own imaginary scenarios.

We have been delighted with the cultural capital questionnaires that have been returned, they provide brilliant opportunities to share experiences with your child and the Pre-School as a whole. If you haven't yet returned this please can you email it to us. We hope you have a wonderful half term and can't wait to hear about all of the fun you have had. Please do share any wow moments with us, we love to hear and see them.

Outside the children have been developing their gross motor skills, co-ordination and empathy for others whilst climbing, jumping off and moving in different ways around the tyre obstacle course in the school grounds. We even practiced our counting skills by counting to different numbers before jumping.

The children have shown great understanding of healthy and unhealthy foods whilst further developing their scissor grip and control to make our healthy and treatwise posters. We had some discussions about foods that are healthy in moderation but how we shouldn't eat too much of them. The children also suggested that we could run around outside after a treat to help us stay healthy. What great understanding!

Date for the diary
World book day is Thursday 5th March. We will be having a fun character fancy dress day and share the children's favourite stories from home.



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After halfterm...

Book of the week:

The children have enjoyed the traditional tale of the three little pigs so after half-term our book of the week will be Little Red Riding Hood. Continuing with a 'Once upon a time... and ...happily ever after' structure for the children to familiarise themselves with. We will have dressing up opportunities, a story sack and will make our own character puppets.

It is Shrove Tuesday on 25th February. We would love to see some photos of you enjoying your pancakes at home, I wonder what your favourite toppings are? Please bring in or email us a photo of you enjoying your pancakes.

Number of the week:

Children can bring in items which match the number of the week. We would also like to encourage the children to spot this number in the environment, this could be a door number, a sign, counting vegetables in the supermarket. It would be great to see a photo or a home observation about these to share with the children. We are returning to 1 as our number of the week. Exploring recognition, 1 more than, less than and number permanence.

The number of the week is: 1.

Show and Tell

Sound of the week:

We decide on the sound of the week based on identified needs of the children. Some sounds are trickier to master than others, so we try to pick sounds to assist with any difficulties which have been identified by key persons. The emphasis is on the use of pure sounds and listening skills, not letter names.

The sound of the week is 'c'

Please can the children bring in an item or photo for show and tell that links with this sound. We have a show and tell box by the children's trays to put these items.

We love to go outside in all weathers so please remember to bring wellies, a coat, hat and gloves for your child.