

# Gems Nursery Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016

## Mathematical development

The children have been looking at and playing with lots of different flat 2D shapes. We have talked about their size, colour and properties.

The children have been singing lots of counting and number rhymes including 'Five Fat Peas' and 'One, Two Buckle My Shoe'.

Also, the children have been talking about how old they are. Are they 3 years old or 4 years old? We have found out how many children are 3 years old or 4 years old at nursery.

## Literacy development

The children have been talking about emergency vehicles including police cars, ambulances and fire engines.

The story of the week last week was 'Noisy Farm' by Eric Carle and this week it is 'Spot Goes to the Farm' by Eric Hill. The children love these stories.

Also the children have been enjoying playing with the small world farm and the animals.

We have learnt the sounds and name of some of the letters. The children know 'm', 'a', 's', 'd', 't', 'i', 'n' and this week 'p' has been introduced.

## Reminders

Please name all your child's clothes and belongings so if they go missing they can be returned.

Thank you for the snack contributions as a result the children have eaten lots of fruit, carrots, ham wraps and cheese spread with crackers.

The weather is turning warmer so please ensure your child has a sun hat in their book bag to wear when playing outside.

Please do not leave pushchairs in our covered area as this set up for the children to play and learn.

Could we please ask that any money is put in a **named envelope**.

## Busy learning

The children have been using the Interactive White Board this week and doing lots of mark making. Also we have introduced them to 'Expresso' which has lots of activities on it linked to mathematics, Literacy and Understanding of the World. The children have been enjoying using these activities to help with their learning.

The children are fascinated that the butterflies have finally come out of their cocoons. They have looked carefully at their wings and colours on them. Also we have let them go in the playground this week.