

Gems Nursery Newsletter

Friday 29th January 2016

Mathematical development

The children have practising their counting by saying the number names in order '1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10' forwards and backwards '10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1'. They have been joining in with the rhyme 'Ten Bears in the Bed' and counting how many bears are left in the bed.

This week the children have been using cardboard boxes and the wooden blocks inside and outside to make models. They have been encouraged to talk about what they have made and about the shapes they have used.

Literacy development

The children have been doing lots of talking about where they live and naming the outside parts of a house.

Our story of the week this week is 'The Three Little Pigs' following our theme of homes. The children are getting very good at joining in with the repeated phrases in the story including 'I will huff and puff and blow your house down!'

The children have enjoyed making straw, stick and brick houses for the little pigs and then trying to blow them down!

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, breadsticks, cucumber, ham wraps, grapes and cereal with milk.

The weather cold and wet so please ensure your child has a coat and wellington boots.

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**.

Please check your child's hair regularly as we have had several cases of headlice.

Busy learning

The children have been painting, drawing and making box models of homes. Please come and have a look at our display in the long corridor.

We would really like some photographs of your child's home to help with our discussions about our new topic. Please give them to a member of staff.

We are inviting parents and carers in on Monday 1st February and Tuesday 9th February between 3.00-4.00pm to come and share your child's learning journey or special folder. Please come and have a look as they are all learning so much!