

Gems Nursery Newsletter

Friday 22nd April 2016

Mathematical development

The children have been looking for and finding numbers in their environment. They found numbers on the clock, on telephones, the till, on the number line, on some of the toy vehicles and in the sand tray.

The children have been singing the song 'Ten Bears in the Bed' and counting how bears are left.

Also they have been using the Numicon maths equipment to support their counting. They have counted pebbles and matched the total to the correct Numicon plate.

Literacy development

The children have been talking about what they did during the Easter Break. Lots of them mentioned the Easter Bunny bringing them Easter eggs.

The story of the week last week was 'Where's Spot?' by Eric Hill and this week it is 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' by John Burningham. The children enjoy these stories and are becoming more confident in retelling them.

We have started looking at the letters in the children's names and practising reading our first and last names. Also, we have started to introduce the sounds of the letters.

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, cucumber with dips and ham wraps.

The weather can still be chilly and wet so please ensure your child has a coat and wellington boots. On sunny days, please ensure your child has a labelled sun hat in school.

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 be aware we have had several cases of head lice so check your child's hair regularly.

Busy learning

The children have started learning about our new topic 'Bon Voyage' where they will be making maps, talking about journeys, different types of vehicles, learning about the seaside and much more.

Also, this week is Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday so we will be learning about who she is and what she does. We will make her a birthday card, create our own crowns, bunting and have a tea party with cucumber sandwiches.

We will be continuing to look for signs of Spring outside and add to our seasons display.