

Gems Nursery Newsletter

Friday 4th March 2016

Mathematical development

The children have been sorting farm animals by colour, what they eat and whether have four legs or not.

They have been continuing to practise their counting skills, saying the number names in order and singing lots of number rhymes.

The children have been on a shape hunt outside and inside nursery looking for lots of different shapes including flat and solid shapes. We have been matching real objects to the plastic shapes.

Literacy development

The children have been doing lots of talking about Farms, which animals live on them and where they live.

They have enjoyed two stories of the week so far. Last week's was 'Farm Chase' by Rod Campbell and this week's is 'Farmer Duck' by Martin Waddell.

The children are enjoying the newly revamped book corner and are looking at lots more books.

This week we have been talking about our pets and many children have brought in a photograph to share.

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 including raisins, iced biscuits, eaten prawn crackers and had freshly made pancakes.

The weather is 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**.

Busy learning

The children have been learning about Farms and Pets for the last couple of weeks.

Several different types of pets have visited nursery this week including an African Land Snail, a rabbit, hamsters and a fish. The children enjoyed seeing and petting the rabbit brought in by a member of staff. The African Land Snail was tiny but did eventually come out of its shell and we learnt that it likes nibbling lettuce.

This week the children have been enjoying playing 'Vets'. The play has involved listening to the toy animal's heart, giving pretend injections and doing lots of