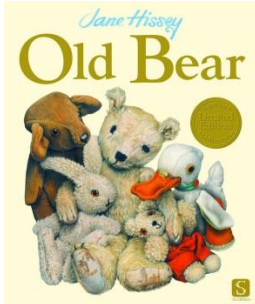


Peek at the Week

Friday 19th November



It has been a strange week in Waveney class with so few children in school. We hope everyone gets better soon. We have enjoyed seeing your home learning on Tapestry this week.

Our theme for the rest of this term is **Toys**. Our first focus book for this week was 'Old Bear' by Jane Hissey. We also watched some animated versions. You can see them here <https://www.janehissey.co.uk/62/Old-Bear-Stories-Season-1>.

We looked at pictures of old and new bears and identified their features. We learnt that a teddy got its name because Teddy Roosevelt, who lived a long time ago, would not shoot a bear cub. We also learnt that the first teddy bears had long arms, long legs, and a long snout. We looked at bears made from different materials and talked about the differences. Then we created a teddy bears' picnic for our teddies. We looked at an old bear and drew it using chalk or charcoal and we used bread, honey and fruit to create bears that were very tasty too!



In **Maths**, the Nursery children have joined in with lots of counting activities. Reception learnt about 9 in all contexts. We made 9 in different ways, using counting apparatus, fingers and coins. We counted a group of bears on a chair and put more bears on a second chair. We used a Part Part Whole model to separate 9 in different ways. We also used Compare Bears to copy and continue colour patterns. Some children used rulers to measure bears and said which were taller.

Over the last three weeks the children have been enjoying participating in **Forest School** activities. The children have their own magic spots to sit on to listen and look around them, taking notice of their surroundings. The children decided to make a compost heap of all the fallen apples. Some children enjoyed tree climbing too. Ollie wanted to make a ladder, so we decided to make one for the bears so they could rescue old bear from the attic. We used clove hitch knots and square lashing to join sticks together.

Reading Stars



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Ollie



Some children also showed an interest in volcanoes, so we worked together like busy bees to create one using a cup, sand, vinegar and fairy liquid. It was lots of fun.

In **Phonics** we learnt the sounds **g o c k**. We wrote the letters and read and wrote some words containing those phonemes. We practised writing the letters on big outlines and used the Roll Write equipment too. We read some sentences and matched them to pictures. On Friday we did shared reading of the book 'This is the Bear'. We helped to read some of the words, such as **bin in dog man tin did** by looking at the letters, saying the sounds and blending the sounds together. We also read the words **bear** and **bone** by looking at the first letter, saying the sound and cross checking with the picture. We enjoyed the story.



Well done to Theo who is Waveney Class's Star of the week! He has been very interested in learning about teddy bears and worked hard on lots of activities. Well done, Theo.

THANK YOU to those parents who are reading and commenting on their child's learning on Tapestry, and to those who have been adding the home learning. We would like everyone to add their child's home learning to Tapestry. The home learning enables your child to practise skills and learn new things, and is a very important part of their learning journey through Reception.

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Next week we will be learning all about 'Kipper's Toybox'. Can your child bring in a sock for a creative activity please.

Home Learning

- **Nursery** Show us your favourite toy? Paint or draw a picture of your favourite toy. Bring a photograph of you with your toy to Nursery.
- **Reception** What is your favourite toy? Take a photo of your favourite toy. Write a label to go with the toy. Can you write the first letter sound? Can you write other sounds in the words? What is it made from? Why is it special? What can you do with it? How does it work?

Have a good weekend! Waveney Class Team