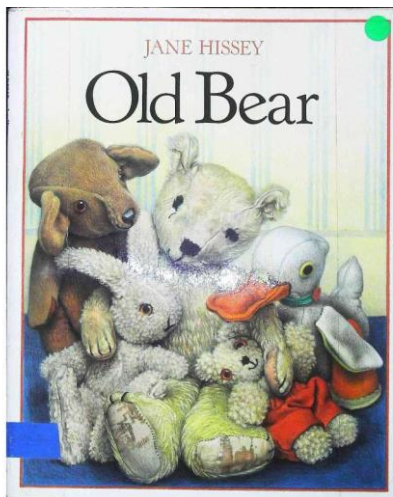


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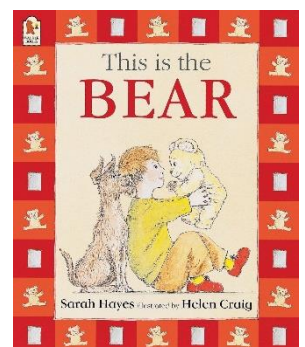
What a very busy week in Waveney Class. Our focus book for this week was 'Old Bear' by Jane Hissey. We also watched some animated versions. You can see some more here:-

<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 also learnt that the first teddy bears had long arms, long legs, a long snout, and were stuffed with straw. We looked at bears made from different materials and talked about the differences. We wrote a sentence to describe our bears. We created a teddy bears' picnic for our teddies. We looked very carefully at our own bears and drew them using chalk or charcoal. We used rice cakes, jam and fruit to create bears that were very tasty too!



We did our first shared reading session, using the big 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 really enjoyed the story.



In **Maths**, we learnt about 9 in all contexts. We made 9 in different ways, using counting apparatus, fingers and coins. We made addition and subtraction number sentences. We introduced the part part whole model using 9 bears in a frame. The children found lots of ways of separating 9 (the whole) into 2 parts.

In **Phonics** we have continued Phase 2. We learnt the sounds **i n m d**. We wrote the letters and words **tin pin man**. We practised writing the letters on big outlines too.



We introduced our second ELLI character, The Curious Cat, who likes to explore and find out about things using all its senses.

We had a great time at **Forest School** this week and we have started planting our new hedge to separate our Forest School site from the school field. We are looking forward to finishing planting our hedge next week!

The **Nursery** children have made bear pictures, bear puppets and sang 'There were 10 in the Bed' acting it out with bears in a bed.

**Please note!** Please could we have donations of any old socks that you have at home to use to make a puppet or toy next week.

We will now have a short Show and Tell session on Monday afternoons, to develop our speaking and listening skills. If your child has something really special that they want to share with their friends (**not toys, please**), they can bring it on a Monday, (e.g. an old photograph, a book, something unusual collected on a nature or beach walk, a photograph of a family celebration). In order to develop good use of language, vocabulary and sentence structure, we will only have time for a few children to share every week.

We would love to see any photos you may have of parents'/grandparents' toys that they used to have when they were children, so that we can discuss what they look like and what they were made from. We will also compare them with some toys we have today.



Well done to **Jude** who is Waveney Class's Star of the week! He has worked hard on blending sounds and wrote very neat letters in Phonics. He has done some super artwork too. Good work, Jude!

### Home Learning

#### Nursery

Choose some items and pack them in a basket to make a picnic. Have a picnic (indoors or outdoors) with your cuddly toys. You could even make a sandwich!

#### Reception

Make a sandwich for a picnic. Can you say how you made it, saying all the steps in the right order?

Practise writing numbers 0 – 9. Can you hold your pencil in a three-finger grasp?

Remember to start each number at the top.

Have a super weekend! Waveney Class Team

