



SCHOOL NEWS



Firstly, apologies for the lateness of the newsletter. You will be aware that we had an Ofsted inspection in Heath Lane Nursery School on Friday. The inspection was a really good experience for both us as federation leaders and for the staff team. We were delighted with the verbal feedback; the team praised the passionate staff team and described the children as 'confident and happy.' She concluded the feedback with, 'It was refreshing to see staff fully interacting with children rather than writing observations and taking photos.' We look forward to receiving the report and will share it with you as soon as we can! We just want to say a huge thanks to the staff who work hard everyday not just during Ofsted, the children who were funny, curious and chatty and to you, the parents and carers, who shared some absolutely lovely feedback with both us and the inspection team. Thanks all!

FEDERATION IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY



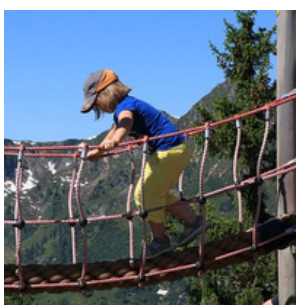
Our Federation Improvement Priority (FIP) this term is:

"To ensure that children learn to consolidate and develop taught skills beyond adult led sessions."

Last week staff attended a training session called 'Risky Play-is it okay?' The staff team were able to reflect on providing children with appropriate challenges. They also thought about how unique children are and what could be perceived by one child to be a risk would be something another child could achieve easily.

How you can help at home!

Most children will not attempt something they are not confident they will achieve. Let your child climb/jump/swing the next time they are out. Look at what they are confident to do-offer support (such as being in closer proximity or holding their hand) if they are not too sure and offer positive verbal encouragement. Watch how thrilled they are when they achieve something for the first time! And do let us know!

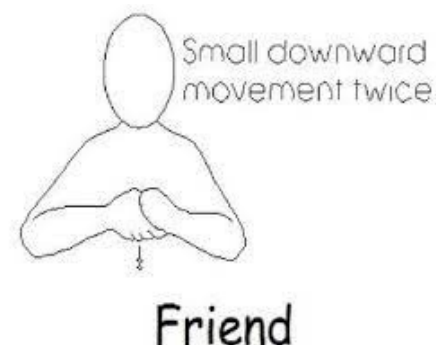


SIGN OF THE WEEK

At the Nursery we teach all children to sign. This supports communication and ensures the communication of all children is valued.

This week's sign is 'Friend'

Ask any staff member to show you if you are unsure.

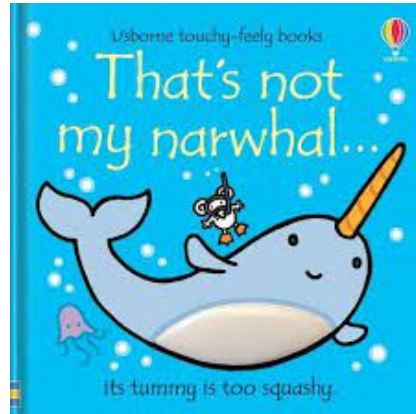
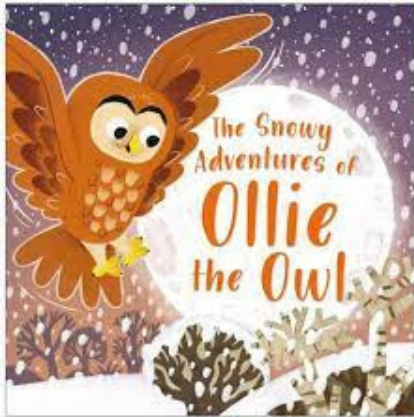


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INFORMATION / REMINDERS

WORLD BOOK DAY!

Last week we gifted each child with a book for their home book library, accompanied by ideas to enrich your child's experience of the book and a book token to use to exchange towards a book in participating bookstores. Please inform your child's keyperson if you have not received these.



DATES COMING UP:

- Mothers Day: Sunday 19th March
- Last day of term; Friday 31st March
- Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April
- Inset Day: Monday 17th April - Training day for ALL staff
- ALL Children return Tuesday 18th April



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