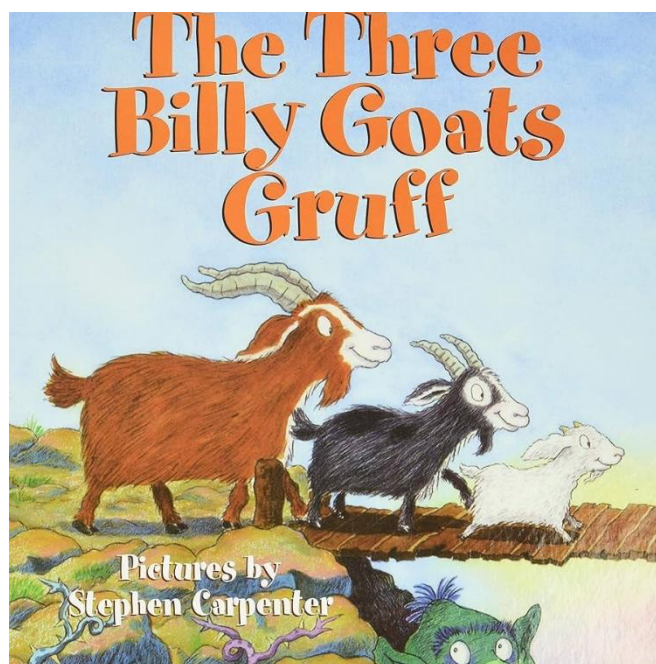




“The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child’s own natural desire to learn.”
~Diane Ackerman

Tiggywinkles

This week in Tiggywinkles, the children have enjoyed exploring familiar traditional tales, with a particular focus on The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Through storytelling, sequencing and discussion, the children have developed their language skills by describing characters, predicting endings and answering simple questions about the story. Mathematical learning has been woven into play, with activities focusing on size comparison, counting, one more and one less, and problem solving as the goats crossed bridges and explored number concepts. Small world and roleplay activities have brought the story to life, with masks, props and story scenes encouraging imaginative play and collaboration. Fine motor skills have been strengthened through dough disco, peg boards, pencil control activities and tweezers, supporting hand strength and coordination. Creative experiences such as music, movement, shadow stories and building textured bridges have allowed the children to express themselves and explore ideas in different ways, making it another engaging and enjoyable week in Tiggywinkles.



Nutkins

This week in Nutkins, the children have been exploring the traditional tale The Three Little Pigs as part of their Heroes and Villains theme. Through stories, songs and discussion, the children have been developing their communication and language skills by retelling events, sequencing the story and taking part in role play using puppets and small world resources. Mathematical learning has been supported through playful activities such as counting, number recognition, matching, exploring pairs and solving simple problems using dice, number frames and gems. Creative and sensory experiences have been a highlight, with the children building and painting different houses using a variety of materials, experimenting with textures and expressing their ideas through art. Fine motor skills have been strengthened through dough disco, threading,

tweezers, peg activities and manipulating small tools, helping to build hand strength and control. Daily nursery rhymes, singing and independent creative play have continued to support physical development and confidence, making it a busy and engaging week of learning in Nutkins.

Puddleducks

This week in Puddleducks, the children have continued to enjoy a calm and engaging focus on active adventures, with lots of opportunities for movement, exploration and sensory play. Through construction activities such as acting out a bear hunt, obstacle courses, rolling dice and exploring ramps, the children have been developing their physical skills, coordination and confidence. Sensory experiences have been a highlight, with water play, rice, shaving foam, playdough and messy play encouraging curiosity and hands on exploration. Music and stories have supported communication and listening skills, with song bags and shared stories providing familiar and comforting routines. Early maths skills have been explored through stacking, counting, sorting colours and exploring concepts such as full and empty, big and small, and more or less. Independence has continued to be encouraged throughout the week, with the children practising finding and putting on their coats as part of daily routines. It has been a settled and enjoyable week, with the children growing in confidence as they play, explore and learn together.

Cold and Rainy Weather

Please can children arrive at Pre-School with suitable winter clothing to enable them to still partake in all our fun outdoor activities and opportunities. A warm winter coat, wellies, hat and gloves would be perfect.

Please don't put clothing in plastic bags, they are a suffocation hazard. Please only use your child's usual bag or a drawstring bag.



Toilet Training

Toilet training can be very hard and stressful for many families. That's why we always signpost to ERIC for advice on how to manage toilet training and the best tips and tricks.

<https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/>



Stay and Play

We are holding a stay and play on Tuesday 3rd February from 14:00 until 15:00. It is a wonderful chance to come in and see Pre-School and the types of activities your children get to explore. This is for children already booked in for a Tuesday afternoon session and one parent/carer. We hope you can make it!



