



Keswick House Nursery

16.10.23

Dear Parents,

It was so lovely to see so many of you at our Coffee Morning/Curriculum Talk. We hope you found it informative and that you have taken away with you many ideas to continue at home. We have attached the PowerPoint for those of you who could not make it.

Just to remind you that if you do have any questions please use Tapestry as a form of communication with your key teacher or alternatively email keswick@therocheschool.com

Lower Nursery News....

The children have been engrossed in the many planned and spontaneous activities over the past couple of weeks.

In 'Phonics Fun' we listened to the sounds around us. The children were encouraged to listen carefully and identify specific sounds for example sounds of nature including birds and rustling leaves as well as environmental sounds such as traffic. We recommend the following games based around identifying sounds:

https://www.tts-group.co.uk/tune-into.-listening-games-environmental-sounds/EY03742.html?vat=yes&gclid=EAIAIQobChMIrMTDwfeBggMVGtntCh27MQM8EAQYBSABEGlp0_D_BwE&gclidsrc=aw.ds

The Home corner continues to be very popular where the children are developing their creativity, imagination and social skills; they especially enjoy pretending to feed the dolls and soft toys.

During World Food Day we discussed the importance of having a balanced diet and reading "Oliver's Vegetables" and "The Hungry Caterpillar" to encourage the children to try new foods, vegetables and fruits. The children had access to real vegetables in our home corner which they found fascinating.

Our investigation table was based around The Monkey Puzzle book and props which encouraged lots of singing. Some tried hard to retell the story using the props provided at the small world table with great accuracy.

As half-term is approaching, the children packed a bag, put on their swimsuits and went on holiday. Luckily, the destination was only across the classroom so they came back just in time for dismissal – great imagination.

It is lovely to see the friendships developing and how the children are interacting with each other. Their social skills are really coming on a treat so please encourage these interactions in the form of playdates.



Upper Nursery News.....

Over the last couple of weeks the children have enjoyed exploring various tabletop activities such as looking for fossils, a submarine experiment and roller painting. They are showing a real interest in the hospital role-play table and there has been some wonderful collaboration and imaginative taking place. In phonics the children have been introduced to a new letter every week together with writing practice and a recap of the previous weeks' letters. So far we have looked at s,a,t,m,d and t. In maths we have looked at mirror images as an extension of our project 'My Marvellous Body'. The concept of symmetry is quite tricky! The children have also enjoyed measuring each other in class. They have been introduced to prepositions and we were so impressed with how they remembered to describe the positions of a toy after a few attempts. The children have also been fascinated by learning things about Space and the Solar System and have created so many beautiful crafts including 3D planets. During Forest School the children have had the opportunity to challenge their physical skills and move with confidence and coordination.



Finally.....

Clubs

As mentioned in our curriculum talk if you would like your child to stay for Clubs or Stay and Play on Fridays, please contact Mrs Lisa for availability. There are even a few spots after half-term.

We would like to remind parents we have our school photographs on Thursday 9th November. All children must be dressed in complete autumn school uniform in correct colours please e.g. socks/tights and hair clips/hair bands.

We also have Parents/Social Evening on Tuesday 28th November. Appointments will be offered via Tapestry from Monday 13th November so please do look out for that.

Tuesday 31st October is dressing up day for the children in their favourite Halloween costume. The children are very excited about this and have been sharing ideas with their friends. Please be mindful when choosing a costume; sensible shoes please and a coat!

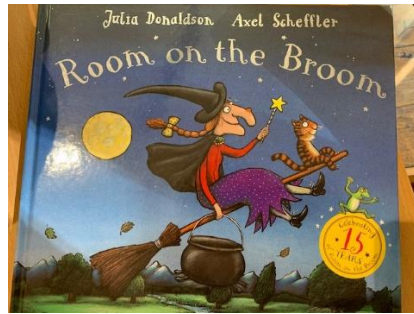
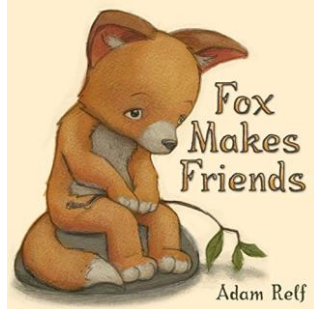
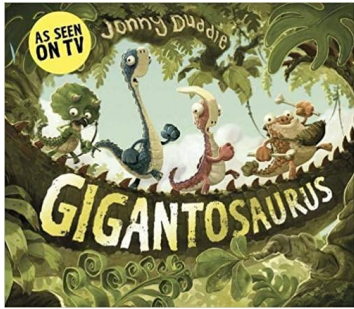
All children must be in correct winter school uniform please after half-term.

We wish you all a restful half- term (23rd -27th October) and we return on Monday 30th October.

.Book suggestions:



- The Gigantosaurus by Jonny Duddle
- Fox Makes Friends by Adam Relf
- Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson



Best wishes,
Nursery Team