

Thank you for sending in favourite books to share. We would like to make a class book of children's favourite books. We thought it might be nice to have a photo of the children with their book at home. The children might quite enjoy looking at pictures of themselves at home on the sofa or in their bed for example, so we would really appreciate your help with this. We tried this last year and the children really enjoyed sharing the book together, more so than when we have taken the pictures in school. I think it is nice for them to see home. Please feel free to also send the book in to share. Please send the photos to [nursery@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk)

Last week we used the book *You Choose* to look at different places we would like to visit and different types of transport we might use to travel. This week we will look at kinds of homes and will be talking about the types of homes we would like to live in. We will also be looking at all different types of houses and homes and learning to name some of the types of homes and features. We will use terms to describe houses and homes such as detached, semi-detached, terraced, cottage, bungalow, flat, caravan, cabin, hut, igloo, boat house, etc. If you are out and about you might like to look at the types of houses in the local area and look at features of the houses and materials used in the building, as we will also be talking more about building materials next week.

We will be sharing story of The Three Little Pigs this week. This story will link well with work on 'three'. We have been focusing on recognising the numeral and linking it to the correct amount. We have also been encouraging subitising, the skill of being able to recognise a small number of things without counting. This is a skill that usually develops from a very early age. Young children have powerful visual memories, and some may find it easier to remember images than words: three-year-olds can usually recognise three things, although they may not say the word. Subitising can help children to build images for numbers, to visualise and to learn number facts. For instance, most four-year-olds readily learn to recognise five dots on a dice, which helps them to understand the cardinal value or 'howmanyness' of five, which they can link to the word and symbol for 5. Structured images like this also help children to begin to see numbers inside numbers, for instance seeing four and one within five.

This week we will also be starting to work on developing some understanding of our addresses. We will work on the children knowing their house number or name and their road, as well as the town or village they live in. We will be talking about our nearest city being Oxford, and how we live in Oxfordshire. Then talk about Oxfordshire being in England, part of the United Kingdom. We will also talk about other countries children have lived in, visited, or heard of. If the children want to bring in any photos of their houses or houses they have lived in in another country as a prompt to help them talk to the group, please feel free to send these in or email them, thank you.

Apologies the 2 simple observations are not with you yet, we were ensuring all permissions were in place. These should be sent to you directly from the office this week.

Best wishes

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