

Mice Class Newsletter

Friday 30th January 2026



What have the Mice been up to this week?

Literacy

This week in English our traditional tale was 'The Three Little Pigs'. We focused on the speech used in this story and we were excellent at joining in with the repeated refrains. We all had a go at writing a speech bubble for the 'Big Bad Wolf'. This tied in nicely with our phonics learning as we have been reading and writing words with double letters in them e.g. 'huff' and 'puff'.

Maths

In maths this week we have been focusing on subitising amounts to 5 (this means knowing how many objects there are, without needing to physically count them out one by one). We have also been working on numbers 6, 7, and 8. We have been practising counting and representing amounts to 6, 7 and 8. Next week we will be looking at the composition of 6, 7 and 8 and will begin to explore odd and even amounts.

Phonics

In phonics this week, we have learnt the sounds 'air' as in chair (our rhyme is 'chair in the air'), 'er' as in letter (a bigger digger), and we have been working on words with double letters such as hammer, rabbit, bigger, kitten, puppet and hidden. Our new tricky words are 'are', 'sure' and 'pure'.

Our Core Concept this term is... Perception and Empathy

Other learning this week... In busy time this week (child-initiated learning), we have enjoyed the bikes and trikes, climbing and balancing on the timber trail, building houses for the three little pigs, using blocks, straw and sticks making tangram pictures and repeating patterns. We have enjoyed making collage pictures too. Robyn very cleverly created a bird using pipe cleaners, a wooden peg for its beak and googly eyes! We have also seen some very clever creations this week with the lego too! In RE, we have been learning that Jesus told stories (Parables). He told these stories to teach people about God and how to live their life. We learnt the Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15: 1-7) and discussed how these Parables have a hidden meaning.

Celebrations



For our 'Work on the Wall' this week, we are celebrating **Rafferty** for his presentation in writing this week. His letter formation has come on in leaps and bounds and he takes great care and pride when writing. He has also shown our school value of compassion this week, as he has been so helping others during phonics and has been demonstrating excellent sharing and turn taking. A brilliant week all round Rafferty. Well done! Very proud of you!

Our **Headteacher's Award** is for **Presley** this week for showing our school value of courage during our reading practice sessions. At the beginning of the week, you were doubting yourself, but by the end of the week, you were so excited about reading your phonics book to me and the sense of pride on your face when you were blending words was so magical to watch. Proud of you Presley! Keep it up!

Important Messages and Dates for the Diary

Thank you for your kind donations for our spare clothes. This is so helpful and has been gratefully received.

Last day of term: Friday 13th February.

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day (more details to follow).