

Mice Class Newsletter

Friday 23rd January 2026



What have the Mice been up to this week?

Literacy

This week in English our traditional tales were 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We have thought about all of the healthy foods that Red Riding Hood would like to bring Grandma in her basket. We discussed which foods were healthy and which were not healthy and why. We then cut out all of the foods we considered to be healthy and stuck them inside Grandma's basket. We also made porridge for the Three Bears and chose our favourite sweet topping!

Maths

In maths this week we have been focusing on mass and capacity. We made predictions about which items would be heavier or lighter, then used our scales to weigh them. We discovered that some items can be larger but weigh less. Such as fabric or a soft toy, or items can be smaller than others and weigh more, such as pebbles.

Phonics

In phonics this week, we have learnt the sounds 'ur' as in hurt (our rhyme is 'curl the fur'), 'ow' as in town (wow owl), 'oi' (boing boing) and 'ear' (get near to hear). We practised sounding and blending words that contained these sounds and segmented to spell words with these sounds in them. Our new tricky words are my, by and all.

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

Other learning this week...

In busy time this week (child-initiated learning), we have done colour by number (Red Riding Hood themed), we have played with the stickle bricks, blocks and k'nex. We have practised our pattern work and threading skills too. But our favourite two activities this week were definitely dressing up and exploring our new jungle book corner! I will pop some photos on dojo to show you! The children were so excited to come into school on Monday to find a jungle had grown over the weekend! In worship this week, we talked about sharing 'good news' and we all had a go at sharing our own good news with each other.

Celebrations



For our 'Work on the Wall' this week, we are celebrating **Jasper**, as he has been working ever so hard in phonics this week. His letter formation is coming on nicely and he is showing real perseverance when writing his words and trying really hard to write independently. Well done Jasper!

Our Headteacher's Award is for **Levi** this week for showing trying really hard to be independent in his self-help skills this week. Good boy Levi. You're doing a great job!

Important Messages

We are still extremely low on spare clothes and so are Squirrels class. We have no socks or trousers left at all in Mice Class, so if anyone has any spares that they have borrowed, please could these be sent back in, after washing. Also, if you have any old, clean spare children's trousers, leggings, and socks at home that you no longer need, we would gratefully receive any donations. Thank you so much! We do go outside daily, in all weathers, so we do need lots of spare clothes in Mice class. Particularly trousers and socks. Thank you! 😊