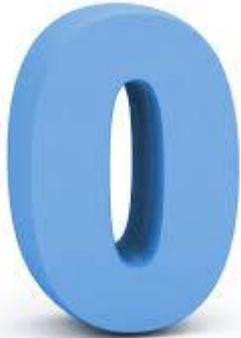


Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents and carers,

The children have all settled back into Nursery life quickly after the Christmas break. We have welcomed some new friends into the setting and we are ready for an exciting term ahead. This week we have been learning all about animals from the Polar bear story that we have been reading. The children have particularly enjoyed;

- Dressing up as safari explorers and looking for animals around the nursery.
- Building their own zoos using the Duplo.
- Making animal homes using recycled materials.
- Painting an animal from the story.
- Listening to the different sounds that the animals make.
- Moving like animals.



We have been learning that zero is a number and that it means when you have none of something. We read the story 'None the number' by Oliver Jeffers and watched the zero episode of numberblocks to support this learning. Point out zero when you see it at home or when you are out and about. Draw attention to zero for example when they have finished their dinner you could say, you had 2 fish fingers and now you have 0. Ask your child to show you zero fingers.

We have also been thinking about our dreams and goals with Jigsaw Jenie, the children have all chosen something that they would like to get better at and we are going to work on this with them at Nursery. Once they have achieved their goal they will receive a special Jigsaw certificate!

You can help your child to continue their learning at home by:

- Practising to write their name.
- Teaching them to put on their own coat and have a go at the fastening.
- Asking them to sing you the songs that we have been learning at nursery, these are '5 little monkeys jumping on the bed' and 'We went to the animal fair'.
- Pointing out the number 0 when you see it on a bus, at the shops, on a door.

Please send us photos of your child having a go at these activities to our class email acornclass@harefieldinfant.com

Many thanks

Mrs Halligan

Nursery Manager