

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break and welcome to the new families who have joined us this term.

The children have all settled into nursery life wonderfully and are enjoying exploring the new environment, which has been set up for them. This half term we will be learning about animals and we have started our topic with the story of 'Dear Zoo'.

The children have all engaged in many exciting activities including;

- Dressing up as safari explorers and looking for animals around the nursery.
- Playing describe and find the animal, by listening to a description of an animal and telling us what they think it is.
- Making animal masks.
- Painting an animal from the story.
- Drawing their own animal to add to the story.
- Throwing 4 bean bags into a hoop and counting how many have landed inside it.



We have been learning all about the number 4 by recognising the numeral, holding up 4 fingers and counting out 4 objects. The children have enjoyed learning that a square and a rectangle have 4 sides and 4 corners and have been looking for them around the nursery. We watched the number 4 episode of numberblocks to consolidate this learning.

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! Look out for their chosen target coming home in their book bag.

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 new song that we have been learning at nursery, 'We went to the animal fair'.
- Pointing out the number 4 when you see it on a bus, at the shops, on a door.
- Working on their jigsaw target with them.

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

Many thanks

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