

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break. The children have all settled back into Nursery wonderfully and are really enjoying our new topic of food. This week we have been reading the story of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. The activities we have been doing to support this learning are;

- Painting Tigers.
- Writing shopping lists.
- Learning in our very own shop and café.
- Making story maps.
- Making repeated patterns using food.
- Acting out the story using story props.



We have been singing 'I'm a little teapot'. Ask your child to sing this to you at home using the actions we have learnt.

We have started learning our phonics in busy bee groups this week the children have all enjoyed joining in with the new sounds and picture rhymes. Please follow the below links for information about the programme we are using and how you can support your child at home.

What is Read, Write Inc

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/9oB9iZe4/OI8hIv7H>

Understanding phonics

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/gNVimljH/hAr9Ji4A>

How to say the sounds

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/IYnakJWY/MUijSs1x>

If your child is returning to our Nursery in September, they will not be attending phonics lessons just yet.



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Please help your child to continue their learning at home by:

- Working on their targets with them.
- Having a tea party together at home.
- Taking them food shopping with you and giving them a simple list to follow-  
Please email any photos of this into our class email account  
[acornclass@harefieldinfant.com](mailto:acornclass@harefieldinfant.com)

Next week we will be reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and learning all about the lifecycle of a butterfly. We will also be exploring the importance of caring for all living things including mini beasts and making homes for them in our nursery garden. If you have any of the items listed below going spare at home, please send them into nursery with your child to use for this activity.

- **Hollow tubes e.g. garden hose, cardboard tubes, toilet roll tubes, bamboo canes even plastic bottles with the end cut off – great for solitary bees and ladybirds.**
- **Dead wood such as twigs, sticks, bark, branches – good for beetles, woodlice and centipedes.**
- **Dry leaves – This mimics a woodland floor and is ideal for spiders, beetles and woodlice.**
- **Straw and reeds – these provide a safe home for invertebrates to burrow in.**
- **Plant pots (plastic).**
- **Flowers and plants – very attractive for butterflies and bees.**
- **Rocks - great for spiders and woodlice.**
- **Compost.**
- **Sturdy cardboard boxes.**

We are collecting activity money via ParentPay to enable us to buy some lovely resources this term including cooking ingredients and arts and crafts materials.

Have a lovely weekend.

Many thanks

Mrs Halligan

Nursery Manager