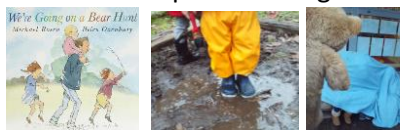


Our Core Books

The children enjoy hearing and learning stories, poems and rhymes. Here is a some of what we have been learning linked to this term's Core Books:

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

The children have enjoyed this story, especially joining in with the repeated refrains, and telling it as they moved around different parts of the garden.



Goldilocks and the Three Bears

We have shared different versions of the story of Goldilocks, including Ghanaian Goldilocks, where he eats fufu and palm nut stew instead of porridge. The children enjoyed making porridge and it was a nice, warm treat at snack time.



The Three Little Pigs

This story is not only great for retelling as it has so many memorable phrases and the children love running from the 'big bad wolf', but it has also inspired lots of building with blocks and loose parts.



For more information about the children's learning, please visit

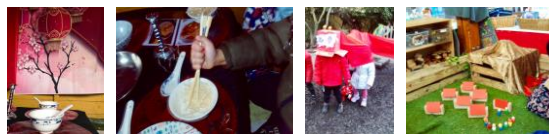
<https://grovenurseryschool.co.uk/>

You can also find out about what the children have been learning on Twitter at

https://twitter.com/nursery_grove

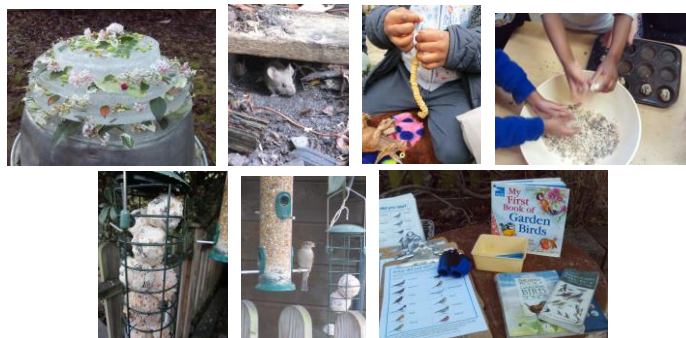
Lunar New Year

We celebrated Lunar New Year recently and 2023 is 'The Year of the Rabbit'. The children enjoyed looking at the objects linked to Lunar New Year, cleaning and decorating the house and making a dragon for a dragon dance. They listened to the Lunar New Year stories about the animal race naming the new year and about Nian. We even had a wonderful decorated café set up in the garden, serving Chinese food.



The Garden

We have been enjoying the garden during the Winter. There have been further opportunities to explore ice and frost, making and decorating ice cakes and looking through ice windows.



We have enjoyed lots of visitors in the garden, including a family of mice and different kinds of birds. We took part in the Big Schools Birdwatch, recording the birds we could see in the garden including house sparrows, crows, great tits and a robin. To encourage more birds into the garden, we have been making different kinds of bird food, including fat balls and threaded cereal and fruit.

Snacks

We would like to thank you for all the healthy snacks you bring for the children including fruit, crackers, bread and cheese. As we have some children with allergies and we want to promote healthy food, please do not bring sweet snacks or crisps or those containing nuts or sesame. Also, please do not put snacks in children's bags. Thank you.



🎵 End of Term Sing-A-Long 🎵

We have been learning some Core Songs this half-term: 'If You're Happy And You Know It' and two songs from Ghana – 'Obwisana' and 'Kye Kye Kule'. We would love to sing these songs for you and with you at our Sing-a-long on Tuesday (7th Feb) and Thursday (9th Feb) at 2.30pm, so please come and join us.

Spring 1 Sing-A-Long

If You're Happy And You Know It

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If you're happy and you know it,
clap your hands (clap clap),
If you're happy and you know it,
clap your hands (clap clap),
If you're happy and you know it
and you really want to show it,
If you're happy and you know it,
clap your hands (clap clap). 🙌

👣 If you're happy and you know
it,
stamp your feet (stamp stamp).....
👣

👤 If you're happy and you know it,
nod your head (nod nod)..... 👤

🔄 If you're happy and you know it,
turn around (turn turn)..... 🔄

🎉 Hooray! If you're happy and you
know it,
shout hooray - Hooray!.....
🎉 Hooray!

If you're happy and you know it,
Do all five (clap clap stamp stamp
nod nod turn turn) Hooray!.....
🙌 👣 👤 🎉 Hooray!

Obwisana

Obwisana sa nana
Obwisana sa
Obwisana sa nana
Obwisana sa.



Kye Kye Kule

Call: Kye kye kule
Response: Kye kye kule
Call: Kye kye Kofi sa
Response: Kye kye Kofi sa

Call: Kofi sa langa
Response: Kofi sa langa
Call: Kaka shi langa
Response: Kaka shi langa

Call: Kum Adende
Response: Kum Adende

Everyone:
Kum Adende
Kum Adende
Kum Adende, hey!



Fire Station

Some of the children had the opportunity to visit the fire station and meet some of the firefighters. They learned about the fire engine, the protective clothes worn by the firefighters, and they had the opportunity to use the hose. The children (and parents) had a great time. We are planning more visits to the fire station next term.



Dates for your diary

The half-term break is 13th – 17th February 2023 (inclusive).

1PW and FT children return on
Monday 20th February (1PW is Mon/Tue/Wed).
2PW children come back on
Thursday 23rd February (2PW is Thu/Fri).

The end of term Sing-a-long is at 2.30pm on
Tuesday 7th February (1PW & FT) and
Thursday 9th February (2PW & FT).

We have a staff training day on **Friday 10th February**. The nursery will be closed for children on that day.

It is **World Book Day** on Thursday 2nd March, although we will be celebrating the following week, especially on **Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March** – more details to follow.

There are more **potential teacher strike days** on **March 2nd, 15th and 16th**. We will inform you closer to the time if these will be going ahead.

We have our termly **Parent Conference meetings** on **Wednesday 29th March** – this is an opportunity to talk to your child's key person about their learning and progress. There will be no nursery session on this day.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7th February

We want everyone to be aware of Safer Internet Day. We spend so much of our time online and our children have access to the internet via our phones, tablets and computers. It is important to monitor their safety when using these devices. Here is a link to a very helpful leaflet that gives lots of ideas about how to make sure everyone is keeping safe online:

<https://www.childnet.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Keeping-Under-Fives-Safe-Online2.pdf>

