

Southridge First School Nursery Newsletter 24th April 2015



The children have settled in brilliantly after their Easter Holidays and are as excited and eager to learn as ever! Our topic for this half term is 'Traditional Tales'. This week we have been looking at the 'Gingerbread Man', we have been talking about the different characters in the story and I have been testing their listening ears by asking them some 'true or false' questions, they informed me that the Gingerbread Man did not run away to Disney Land, that it was false! The children are slightly concerned that when we make our gingerbread men today that they will try to jump out of the oven and escape!

This week as well as recapping our previous sounds we looked at the letter 'h' and the sound that it makes.. It was a tricky sound for the children to make as many of them added an 'uh' onto the end of the 'h' sound, but we have talked about what a quiet, bouncy sound it makes and how they can feel their breath on their hand as they say it 'h' – without the 'uh'! We found lots of words that start with our 'h' sound: hat, hair, house, hamburger, hose, hen, hay, horse and hands.



To form this letter we start at the top of the horses head, we go straight down to the horses hooves, up and over his back and flick out his tail.

We have noticed that the children are becoming increasingly interested in telling the time, they will often use time related vocabulary in their play "it's twelve two o' clock", so this week we thought we would have a look at o'clock times. We looked at the face of the clock – which they found hilarious because it looks nothing like a human face 'where are it's eyes'? We looked at each number, as well as discussing the position of the long minute hand and the short hour hands during all of the o'clock times, they enjoyed using their own clocks to create their own o'clock times too!

On Monday Nursery will have visitors from Newcastle University's Think Physics Team and the Esh Group to launch their Nursery construction boxes, their aim is to get children involved in STEM activities from an early age(science, technology. engineering and maths.) They will be using the story of the '3 Little Pigs' to set the children some very tricky challenges!

As we are now in the Summer Term and the weather is starting to improve we have been discussing sun safety with the children. Can we ask that you send your child to Nursery wearing sunscreen that will last the whole session. Can we also ask that you send your child with a sun hat, something with long sleeves to cover them up and a water bottle. Many thanks.

We hope everyone has a great weekend!
The Nursery team