

The Orchards Primary Academy

Newsletter Pre-Academy



30th April/Summer Term

Dear Parents/Carers

Hope you are all safe and well. It seems such a long time ago that school was closed and we are missing you all very much. We will be calling families every two weeks just to say hello, and also sending home a newsletter each fortnight. Your child will have the opportunity to learn through a story and the first story is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Enjoy the activities and remember to share any of your child's work on our school Face Book page. Take care for now from all the staff at Pre-school.



Literacy

1. Watch the story of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* on You Tube or share the book with an adult.
2. Go on a 'bear hunt'. Draw a map or make a book of what you saw.
3. Draw the characters or scenes from the story, describe your marks to a family member.

Mathematics

1. Talk about the sizes of the characters in the story, who's little, who's big?
2. Use vocabulary from the story such as 'under' to describe position. Can children act out these movements from the story such as 'over' using gestures.
3. Encourage children to count objects they find in the garden such as sticks or stones.

Expressive arts and Design/ Understanding the world

1. Search for 'instruments' around the house, a wooden spoon and a saucepan can be used to tap along to the rhythm of the story.
2. Use materials such as a scarf to recreate the scenes from the story, move the scarf up and down, fast and slow.
3. Make a bear mask from paper plates or card. Use crayons or paint to decorate it and ask an adult to cut out the eyes!
4. In the home or garden hunt for materials such as sticks, grass or cotton wool to make a bear hunt collage.