**Friday 13th October 2023**

Dear Parents,

Here is an overview of what we have covered in Nursery this week and this week’s homework.

**Maths**: We have been practising the skill of subitising. Some children can do this at the age of three and some cannot. It is a key mathematical skill that your child will need in KS1, KS2 and up.

**Literacy**: Our focus text this week has been ‘A Squash and a Squeeze by Julia Donaldson. Children have been learning to ‘tune in’ to the rhyme in the text. Our TIER 2 vocabulary words that we have learnt from the book are ‘grumble and grouse’ and ‘jig’.

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOIcf05vPwI>

**Geography:** we have continued looking at mountains. Last week we learnt that not all mountains were pointy with snow on top (even though that is how we normally see them in programmes and storybooks). This week we looked at where Canada was on our class map and learnt about Whistler mountain in Canada.

**Phonics:** We have been tuning in to different sounds and differentiating between sounds in the environment.

**P.E:** Your child has engaged in a dance lesson led by a specialist coach. Your child has practised gross motor skills necessary for pre-writing. Your child has also used the all-weather running track every day as part of wellbeing and physical fitness.

**Science: we have learnt about how to make compost. We are setting up our wormery ready for the arrival of the baby tiger worms next half term.**

**Art- We looked at paintings by Arcimboldo. He was an artist that made faces from vegetables, fruit, flowers and wheat.**

**We worked collaboratively to make a face using vegetables. We photographed it and then used the vegetables in our wormery.**

***Homework-Please go over the story of ‘A Squash and a Squeeze’. There is a hyperlink below if you do not have this text. You can copy and paste the hyperlink from the school website for ease.*** *.*

***\* subjects in blue font are taught in afternoon sessions only.***

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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