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Theydon Bois Pre-School Group

Newsletter – 15 January 2023



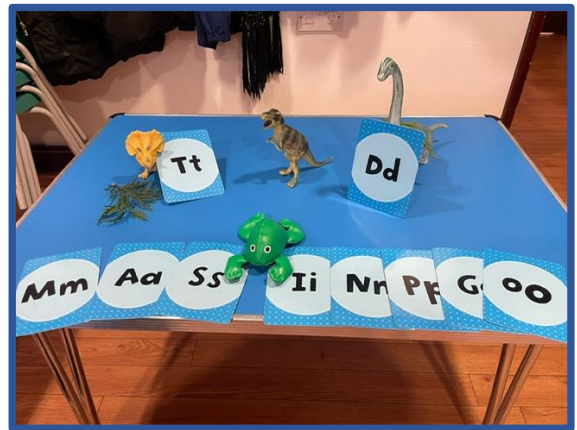
Letter of the week for the weeks commencing 16th January and 23rd January is Li.

Please click on the following [link](#) to hear the sound 'h'. Please have a look around your home with your child to find an object starting with the letter H that they can bring into circle time to share with their friends.

During our phonics sessions this week we recapped the sounds m, a, d, s, t with our friends Fred Frog and Dippy Dinosaur.

We helped Dippy to find the initial sound of his name, Tina the Triceratops heard all the fuss and wanted to join in so we helped her to! Tony the T.Rex wasn't happy that Tina stole his initial so they shared the sound 't' together.

Our small room group sessions are delivered by Mel with the aim to improve the children's language, communication and phonics. The children were full engaged in this fun activity – well done to you all!



We had a week of exploring colours as well as digits. The children participated in The Big Lego Sort and enjoyed the magic of mixing colours, firstly at circle time and then independently on the Art table.

At Home – Ask your child what red and yellow make and see if their prediction is right.....





Chattering Pegs - strengthening the children's pincer grip!

Our lesson began with the question "does anyone know what this is?" ...Lots replied with "it's a peg to hang your washing on the line"!

We demonstrated how the peg works....opening and closing like a crocodiles mouth...this ignited lots of fantastic questions about crocodiles!

But these pegs were no ordinary pegs...these pegs were 'chattering pegs' that would only work with the help of the children.....

Each child was handed a peg and we practised 'open and close'We then introduced the daily story book to the children but the book was shy and needed the help from the chattering pegs to open!

On the count of 3 all the children and staff made their pegs chatter and the book opened!!

For any children that found it tricky to work the pegs we will be continuing this practice in small groups.

Using Pegs at home is a great way to strengthen your child's pincer grip!



Tea Towel Team

If we have any new parents that would like to join the 'tea towel team' please get in touch with tbpsoffice@gmail.com

Once every few months the staff will hand you a bag of the tea towels/ cloths that have been used to wipe down the play equipment, all you need to do is wash them and return them to us 😊

Our Pre-School - Committee

We would love to hear from any new and existing parents/carers/family members who may be interested in helping on our committee. We are a team of parents with no prior Committee experience who get together twice a term (at the pub!) to discuss a range of topics/ arrange fundraising events/ discuss ways the pre-school needs our help (from painting to storage solutions to website design and so on!)....

It's a great way to meet other parents and help our pre-school to run smoothly! Any commitment (no matter how small) is welcomed 😊

Please contact Sarah and Harriet on tbpschair@gmail.com we would be delighted to hear from you!!

Fundraising for our pre-school

With the January Sales in full swing we would like to highlight the free ways you can earn money for the pre- school whilst you shop online!!

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