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## This week at Nursery . . .

19th January 2024

We've had another busy week at Next Steps this week!

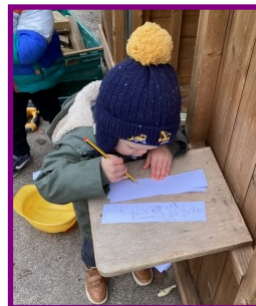


Following the children's interests, this week we've focused on the story of the 'Three Little Pigs', using a variety of activities relating to the story. The children have enjoyed being creative and making pig masks for role play and taking part in acting out the story. Some of the children have also been sequencing the story, talking about what happened to all the houses and recalling what the Big Bad Wolf did!

The children especially enjoyed making some small world houses from different materials, and then using the wolf's huff and puff, with help from a hairdryer, to try and blow down the houses!



We've wrapped up warm for the cold January weather, and have made some houses outside in the construction shed, using pencils and paper to make plans of what the children would need to build their houses, and the tools they need to make it!





The children have accessed physical mindfulness which is now on a Friday afternoon. This is a fun and creative way to bring different stories and experiences alive through different body movements, using different resources and equipment.

Our Christian value for this term is Wisdom, and so we've been learning about the wise man and the foolish man. The children have particularly enjoyed the song!



### Spare Clothing

A reminder please to ensure all coats, hats, mittens, etc. are clearly labelled and that a spare set of clothing is included with your child each day.

If you have any spare clothes you would be willing to donate to the nursery, we would be very grateful. In particular, any spare trousers for 4/5 or 5/6 years would be very useful. Thank you.



### Funding for 2 year olds:

Please note that the new funding for 2 year olds for eligible 'working' families will be available from 1st April 2024. A funding code is required from HMRC which can be obtained by 31st March 2024 to start receiving funding from 1st April 2024. The funding will start the term after the 2nd Birthday. Applications should be made at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Two-year funding is still available for families who are entitled to additional government funding. A code is required from the Local Authority and parents can apply at <https://parent.bathnes.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>



## Nursery Closure Dates

Please note the following dates when the nursery will be closed:

Easter: Friday 29th March - Monday 8th April inclusive.  
Nursery will re-open on Tuesday 9th April.

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday  
Monday 27th May: Bank Holiday

Summer Closure: 5th August - 16th August inclusive.  
Nursery will re-open on Monday 19th August.

26th August: Bank Holiday