



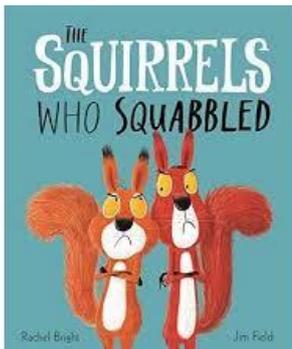
WEEK 4 - week beginning 28th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Maths this week we have particularly focused on the digits 0 - 5. We have learnt rhymes to help us to form them correctly, and used lots of different resources to help us to order the digits or to count out that number of objects carefully. In phonics we have been tuning into body percussion, making sound patterns with different parts of our bodies. For example, clap, clap, stomp, clap, clap, stomp. We have also been trying to identify rhyming words in the stories that we have been sharing. We would really recommend the series from Kes and Claire Gray and Jim Field. They are full of animals sitting in very funny places and really made the children laugh. We have also been using ipads to create our own selfies.



To help us to develop our pre-writing skills we have all continued to practice "nip, flip, grip", (thank you for practicing it at home and for any parents who have shared on Tapestry - its lovely for us to see!) We have also started a session called Dough Disco and have included some information about this and why we use it, together with a super easy non-cook playdough for you to try at home.



As part of our focus on the children's Personal, social and emotional development, we have continued to work on strategies to help us to be friendlier and kinder to each other. As part of this we shared the story of Cyril and Bruce in a story called, "The Squirrels who Squabbled". From this story the children have thought of kind words that they could use instead of squabbling like squirrels. For example, "Please can I play?" or "Can I have a turn?" If you would like to share this story with your child you could follow this link. (There is lots of lovely rich language to talk about to)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUxkmQKdTwQ&safe=true>

What can you do to help?

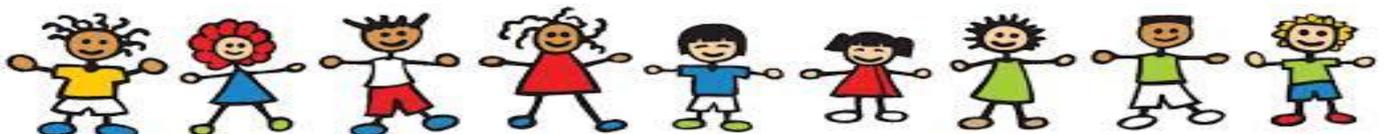
- Share stories and rhymes with a number focus, such as Three Billy Goat's Gruff, The Three Bears, etc
- Practice forming the digits and saying the rhymes together (SEE BACK OF PAGE)
- If your child is interested in using computers and ipads etc, you may find these sites useful for practicing counting. They are our favourites and are free!

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html> Counting with Lecky

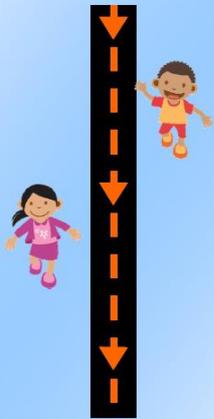
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37> Ladybird Spots or the Gingerbread Man game

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Early Years team

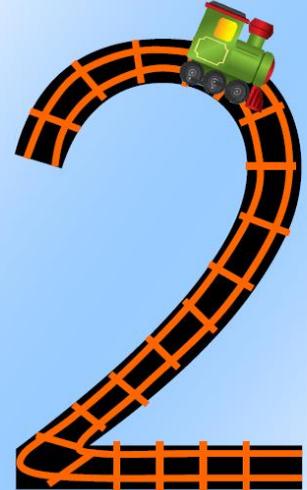


Start at the top and
down we run,



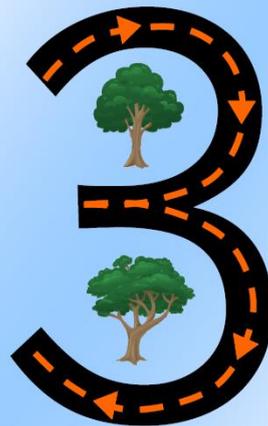
That's the way we
make a one.

Around and back on a
railroad track



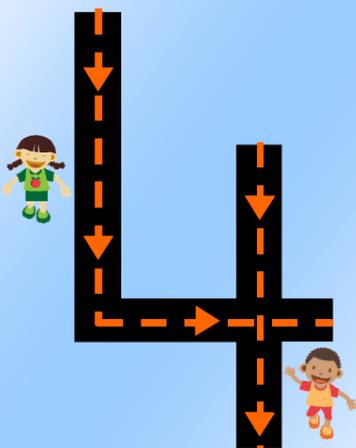
Two, two, two

Around the tree and
around the tree,



That's the way we
make a three.

Down and over, down
some more



That's the way we
make a four.

Down and around
then a flag on high



That's the way we
make a five.