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Last week was a great opportunity to begin our winter topic by exploring some winter stories and observing our environment. The children thought about what clothes they need for Winter to keep them warm and used the correct names.

This week, we are going to explore the story of Goldilocks and the three bears in drawing club.

Phonics

This week we are learning:

Double Letters - Chapter 2 Set 8



Maths– Alive in 5

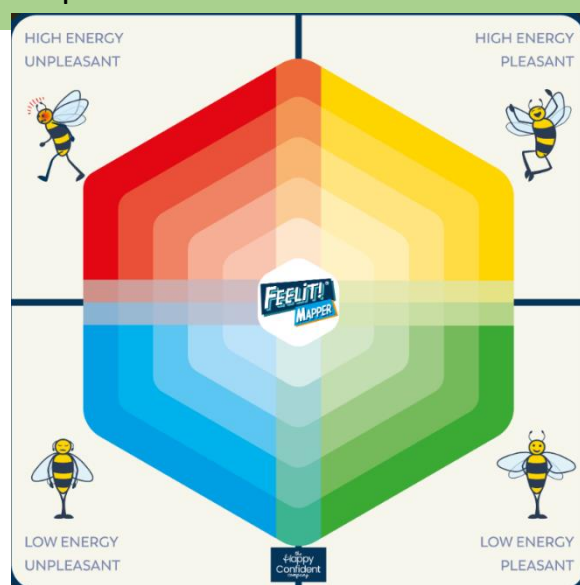
This week we are focusing on different ways of making 4 and 5. You can support at home by counting out 4 or 5 objects and arranging them in different ways but showing that the total is still the same. eg. count out 5 pieces of pasta, group them in to 1 and 1 and 1 and 2, look there are still 5. now group them in to 2 and 3- look still 5.etc. How many different ways are there of making 4 and 5?

Independence

The dinner hall staff have noticed that some children are still finding it tricky to use their knife and fork. On Wednesdays, when we have roast dinner, this sometimes means they don't eat their meat because they're not sure how to cut it up. Staff will help whenever they can, but it isn't always possible to get to everyone at once. We'd really appreciate it if you could practise this important skill at home, and hopefully we'll see an improvement over the term.

Feelit

We have already learnt about the feelings of happy, sad and calm. Now we are learning about angry which is in the red zone. We are thinking about what to do if you feel angry and how you can avoid getting 'out of control'. The children have made suggestions of distracting yourself, taking deep breaths and counting. This is something that you could discuss further at home and come up with a plan of how to get in to the calm green zone!



Thank you for your continued support.