

Huttoft Nursery Learning Through Play
June 2017 Topic: Handa's Surprise

At the end of last half term the children and I shared the wonderful story of Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne which they loved! So this will be our focus for the next couple of weeks. In the story Handa puts seven delicious fruits in a basket to take to her friend, Akeyo. But as she walks, carrying the basket on her head, various creatures steal her fruits. When she shares her basket with Akeyo, it's Handa who gets the biggest surprise!

<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> 	<p>During Circle Time we will be talking about what we could give or do to make someone we know happy.</p>
<p>Communication and Language (Listening and Attention, Understanding and Speaking)</p>	<p>We will be retelling the story using our wonderful story props.</p> 
<p>Physical Development</p>	<p>Handa balanced a basket of fruit on her head and carried it all the way to the next village. I wonder if we can balance a beanbag on our head and carry it all the way across the field to the hoop?</p>
<p>Literacy</p>	<p>Can we use an African drum to tap out the syllables (big chunks of sounds) in some of the many new words we have come across in our story eg A – key - o</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>Mrs Denton has a big basket of fruit a bit like Handa's. Can we put them in order from biggest to smallest and lightest to heaviest? If we eat the pineapple today how many fruits will that leave in the basket for tomorrow?</p>
<p>Understanding the World</p> 	<p>I wonder what the fruit will look like inside? I wonder what it will taste like? Which one will be your favourite? Can we find where Handa lives on our globe? Handa lives in a country where it is hot every day. What do we need to wear and do to keep healthy when it is sunny? What clothes does weather time teddy need to wear today?</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p> 	<p>Mrs Hurrell has said that we can borrow some of her wonderful musical instruments to explore together! Can we move our feet to the rhythm of the drum? When it is very slow and when it is very fast? We are hoping to have time to make our own African necklace and shaker ☺</p>

Things to do at home to support your child's learning:

- Set up simple counting problems for the children to solve at home, such as how many apples in the fruit bowl, how many steps lead upstairs or how many ears are in the house!
- The ability to copy a rhythm and recall the order of sounds presented in sequence is an important aspect in the development of a child's listening skills. You don't need musical instruments you can also have lots of fun playing simple clapping and tapping games as we often do in nursery quite easily and at any time with your child eg clap, clap, tap, tap. Clap,clap,clap, tap! The children love it! It is so good for developing their memory skills as well as your own!