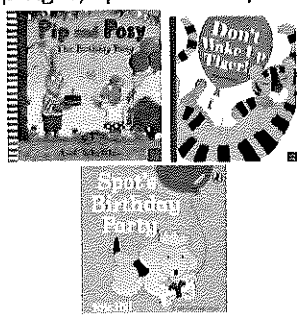
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This week in Maple

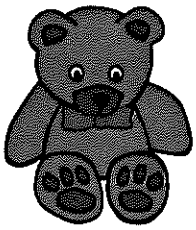
Book of the week:

The Birthday Party , Don't Wake Up Tiger, Spots Birthday Party



Rhyme of the week:

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn Around



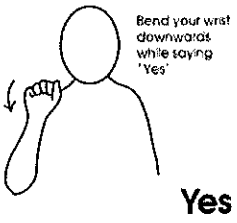
Happy Thought:

Be a little like Pudsey — kind, caring, and always ready to help others shine.



Sign of the week:

Yes



In Maths we will be:

- Counting and sorting compare bears by colour and size, using words like big, small, in front and behind.
- Making playdough birthday cakes, matching number cards to candles.
- Playing hide and seek to practise counting and positional language.
- Adding spots to Pudsey Bear and counting how many there are.
- Sorting and comparing pom-poms, buttons and loose parts by colour, size and quantity.
- Joining in with number and action songs such as "Blast Off!" to practise rhythm and repetition.

In Phonics we will be:

- Listening carefully to sounds in the environment and identifying what we can hear.
- Playing instrument games, matching sounds to the correct instrument and taking turns to play behind a screen.
- Enjoying stories like Don't Wake Up Tiger and Pip and Posy and the Birthday Party, talking about key events and characters.
- Exploring new vocabulary linked to birthdays and Pudsey Bear, such as spots, candles, party, and kind, invitation, celebration, friend.

Learning opportunities:

- Making playdough birthday cakes and decorating them with candles and sequins.
- Creating Pudsey Bear spot patterns with paint, stickers or collage materials.
- Making birthday cards for favourite characters such as Spot, Pip and Posy.
- Using pipettes and colanders to explore pouring, filling and emptying.
- Acting out birthday parties using telephones, invitations and party resources.

Help at Home:

Children in Need

This week we will be celebrating Children in Need. On Wednesday, children are invited to come dressed in their best party outfit for our Dance Party, with music, games and face painting. We will also be holding a cake sale to help raise money for Children in Need.

Thank you for your support!



Dates for your diary:

- **Wednesday 11th November** - Children in Need cake sale
- **Wednesday 11th November** – Dance Party – wear your party clothes!

We are here to help. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to your child's keyworker or any of the staff in Maple.