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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have continued work on our story 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear?' We have watched some video clips and played simple games about contractions and noticed them in the story. We have also worked in groups to innovate the story by changing the characters and setting, which led some groups to adapt the problem and resolution too. Each child has written part of the new story, so that each group can produce a book. The children have defined and used the terms 'innovate', 'character' and 'setting'. Next week, we will be starting a non-fiction project and producing our own books about space.

In maths we have been looking at number and place value within 50. We have practised counting forwards and backwards to and from different numbers, using number tracks and 100 squares to help. We have also practised counting large sets of objects by grouping them into sets of tens and ones. After that, we practised making models of numbers and recording them in different ways to show the number of tens and ones present. Next week we will move on to comparing 2 digit numbers.

We have also spent some time talking about Vincent Van Gogh's painting 'Starry Night' and have had a go at producing our own starry night pictures.

We are currently seeking to employ some new midday assistants. If you are interested in applying please ask at the office for further information.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Rugg, Mrs Powell, Mrs Mason, Miss Forde & Miss Hodges

