Nursery Bulletin
Friday 2nd October 2026

Theme for the week – My Interests

We've had a fantastic week and it was lovely to welcome our new nursery friend Ruben.

Our learning this week

In phonics this week we sang 'Jack and Jill' and played games to explore making sound patterns, clapping syllables in words, rhyming, alliteration and singing the rhyme in different ways - fast, slow, loud and quiet.

At the beginning of the week we continued thinking about body parts by exploring our senses. We went outside for a walk to find things we can see, hear, touch and smell. The children loved spotting planes, hearing trains, touching bark on a tree, feeling the breeze on their hands, smelling and even tasting the air!

We read 'You Choose' by Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt and talked about what words and illustrations are and how to turn the pages carefully when reading a book. We then made our own class book. We talked about what a hobby is and each child made their own page by drawing, cutting and sticking their favourite things to do. We then played a game and read another story about making choices.

I taught the children my favourite song and game and the children then had the chance to say, perform or dance to their favourite rhyme, song or story. Some children used 'microphones' and we all danced to some of the songs using scarves, making big movements with our arms!

This week we have continued to focus on listening and concentration and had fun playing Kim's Game. I showed them some objects on a tray which they had to try and remember. I then took one away and the children had to guess which one had disappeared.

Our maths activities involved playing and building with a variety of construction blocks. The children talked about what they noticed about the blocks and learnt to share the blocks with others. After reading a story called 'Big and Small' they built a house for a mouse and bear. The children heard and began to use the vocabulary big, small, bigger and smaller to describe and compare the blocks. Finally, they then spent time exploring and completing inset puzzles, learning to rotate and flip the pieces to make them fit.

In their child-initiated learning the children loved dancing to their favourite songs using the coloured scarves; making faces by cutting out facial features; making

pizza and ice cream using the natural materials; making muffins in the sandpit and building a walk way with the crates.

Next week

Next week we will be learning about babies and how we've changed since we were babies. We will be reading a variety of stories including 'The World is Full of Babies' by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom; 'Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes' by Mem Fox; and 'Hair Love' by Matthew A. Cherry. Show and Tell will start next week. It will be on a Monday this half term. Please can you put a photo of your child as a baby and one of them now on Tapestry ready for Monday and we will look at them throughout the week if we don't get through them all on Monday. Some children have been enjoying making pancakes in the mud kitchen so this will also be a focus.

Reminders and requests

- If you are able to help on our visit to the farm on Tuesday 20th October from 9.15am – 10.30am please let us know as soon as possible via the link book.
- Please make sure you cut grapes, olives and other similar foods into halves or quarters before they go in your child's lunchbox.
- If you would like to come in and read a story to the class please let us know by putting a note in the link book. The children love to have visitors!

Home Learning ideas to support your child's early development:

- Reading – see the "Recommended Reads for Preschool and Nursery" book list.
- The 'NHS Best Start in Life' website has ideas for having everyday conversations, playing and reading with your child.
  Learning conversations: 3 to 5 years - Best Start in Life - NHS
- The BBC's Tiny Happy People and the National Literacy Trust's Family Zone
- NSPCC Online Safety for under 5s

Have a wonderful weekend!

The Nursery Team







