



This Week

Our Learning

23.02.24

Welcome back to Nursery! We hope everyone had an enjoyable break. It has been great to see our children return with energy and enthusiasm alongside some new starters and their families joining us for the first time.

Despite the wet weather we have been noticing the signs of Spring in our garden. We talked about the changing seasons and recorded our observations with our friends.

We have been using a 'shuffle box' to help us subitise small amounts of objects. A shuffle box can be a tray or lid with scattered objects such as metal nuts. The children can see groups of 1, 2, 3 or perhaps 4 without counting.

'Rhyming Soup' is a game where the children add ingredients that rhyme, to a bowl of imaginary soup. It involves saying the words out loud and repeating the rhyme to help us hear the rhyming sounds; a key component in children's language and literacy development.

Our 'Persona Doll' Biba has returned after visiting her grandparents in Jamaica. Through Biba, we are able to discuss different cultures and share celebrations and our understanding of our world. The children love to share their own experiences with her.



Next Week

We will continue to practise playing with rhyme as we hear it in the books that we read and the nonsense verses that we create. We can think of real rhyming words or make up new words that sound funny!

We will use 5 frames to develop our subitising skills, asking 'What do you see?' and 'How do you see it?'. When the children can describe small amounts that they see it helps them to gain a good understanding of numbers and what totals are made up of.

In our groups we will share our ideas for building using our large outdoor equipment before planning and then working as a team to create our constructions. We are hoping for some interesting ideas that will extend our outdoor play.

Throughout their time at Nursery, the children compile their own Learning Journey folders containing photos, artwork and learning maps. They regularly refer to them and share them with their friends, reflecting on their progress and development. This will be a feature in next week's learning, when the children show their Learning Journeys to Biba.

At home

The Tinker Tray has proved very popular this week. The children have been fascinated with the nuts, bolts, screws and a variety of small equipment that they can manipulate with their hands and fingers. Create a 'tinker tray' at home for children to explore, developing their concentration, co-ordination and fine-motor muscle strength.

