



Our Learning

This week – 17th to 19th April



Welcome back to Nursery and to our new starters and their families joining us for the first time! We hope everyone had a wonderful break. It has been lovely to see the children return with such enthusiasm, playing and exploring together. This week we have been remembering our three rules; Ready, Respectful, Safe. During group times we have recapped the numbers 1-3 that we were learning all about last term and made up another story together using Tales Toolkit resources. The seeds we planted before the break are all growing and we will be planting them in our allotments soon. We will be exploring more about growing throughout the term as the summer season changes the environment around us. This links to our focus traditional tale, Jack and the Beanstalk.

☺ It is also fantastic to have Rachael back with the nursery team ready for an exciting summer term.



Next Week 22nd to 26th April

During group times our maths focus is shape sorting, looking at similarities and differences. We will be talking about the properties of different shapes using words such as side, straight and point.

In a fun story we will be learning together our thumbs are named Mr Zigger and Mr Zagger. Our bodies and brains work hard as we coordinate the movements and we can practice making sound effects with our voices.

The book 'Yucky Worms' will help us as we learn more about what happens to our food waste when we put it in the wormery.

Dough Disco

Each week the children move to music using dough to do simple exercises with their hands and fingers. We have so much fun!

There are many play dough movement or Dough Disco videos available on [YouTubeKids](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

This week we are focussing on squeeze, rolling a sausage, and rolling a ball.

Key vocabulary

Wormery, giant, decompose, magic, point

** When using the links to YouTube (even with YouTube kids) videos remember not to leave children alone to watch them as adverts, film trailers or links to inappropriate content can pop up at any time.*

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- Clap your hands and wiggle your fingers – Can you make up your own patterns?
- Watch [Mr Zigger and Mr Zagger](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) and join in together.

Clap your hands and wiggle your fingers



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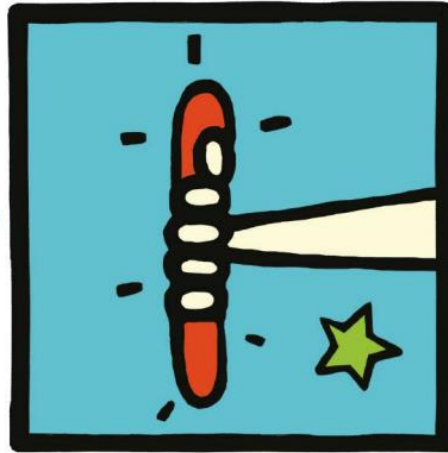
Now we've made a pattern.

Can you make up the next verse?
Maybe you could nod your head
and stamp your feet?

Dough Disco

Move 1 Squeeze

Warming up the dough by simply squeezing in one hand and then passing the dough to the other hand and squeezing it as hard as possible again. This move needs to be repeated about three times in each hand. I also 'squeeze' in between different moves, like after a sausage and before a ball it!



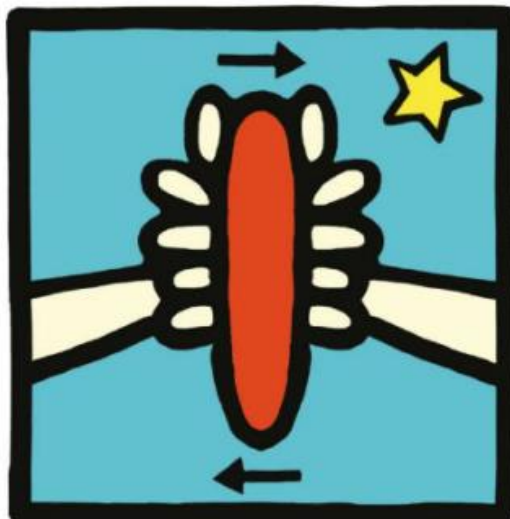
Move 2 Ball it!

Place the Disco Dough between your two palms and roll it! Keep going till your dough forms a ball shape. In winter call it a snowball, in summer a beach ball...! The ball comes before we 'Pat it' - move three. It is also essential before we dive our fingers in. The ball is essential for palm awareness.



Move 5 Sausage

Place the dough between two palms and push the palms together tight. A rubbing action is made to lengthen the dough. See how long the children can make the sausage and then use the dough sausage to make a trumpet.



Spread The Happiness

homemade dough

You need:



Method:



Flavouring additions:

