



This Week

# Our Learning

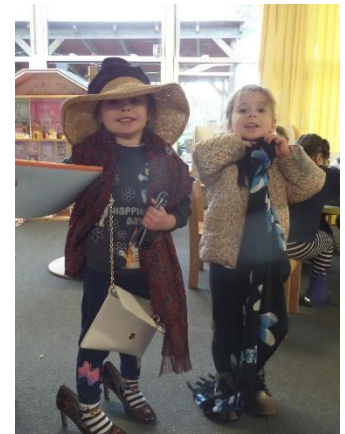
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Welcome back everyone and a very warm welcome to our new families whose children have just started with us. It has been a wonderful week, seeing each other again, making new friendships and getting fully involved in the learning experiences that we continue to build on and extend. These photos illustrate that we have settled back happy, energetic and very interested in play and learning.

This week we have started to focus on repeated patterns. We looked at two colour repeats and how the repeat can continue forever! Developing an awareness of pattern is an essential skill for noticing and understanding mathematical relationships.

We have also been singing Nursery rhymes and listening carefully to the words that rhyme. It is important that children build up this phonological awareness as a prerequisite to learning phonics at school.

We have been very excited to draw and mark-make lots of messages to each other! We have a Message Centre with examples of symbols that we can use. We have been hiding these messages for our friends and there is much excitement when they are discovered! This is the foundation for understanding the importance of print, that it carries meaning and essentially, to build up a love of writing.



Next Week

We will continue to develop our story-telling, building our ability to sequence a story and think about the setting, characters, a problem and how it gets solved within a story. This is through resources from Tales Toolkit. The programme develops children's communication and language, their creative thinking and their problem-solving skills, as well as laying the foundation for the development of writing skills. We will also be revisiting and building on our knowledge of pattern and rhyme.

At Home

Sing Nursery Rhymes at home and find the words that rhyme. Read rhyming stories together and emphasise the words that rhyme.

