



Weekly Update

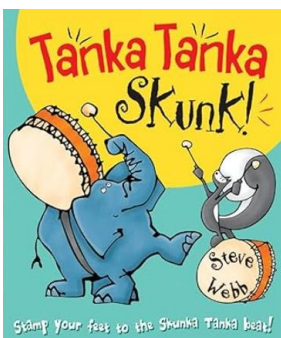


Weekly update 5th to 9th May

Even though there have only been four working days this week the children have fitted lots of learning and exploring into it.

We have continued to learn about butterflies and have been really impressed with all the knowledge the children remembered from sharing the 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' story last week. We used this information to sequence the life cycle of the caterpillar and recall what happens using props. We have all been learning the song 'Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf' which we have really enjoyed. Providing the children with several different ways to acquire learning is really beneficial as it helps embed it and therefore retain it.

We have also developed our phonological skills by focusing on the number of syllables in words. This is something we have looked at previously and are revisiting to help embed the learning. This week we explored the book "Tanka Tanka Skunk" which features lots of animals. We worked out how many syllables were in each of them for example cat-er-pill-ar has four syllables, don-key has two and duck only has one. Being able to identify the syllables in words is an essential skill for children when learning to read and write as children will be able to break down the words into smaller parts.



Focus

Words:

Trail
Arrange
Healthy
Exercise
Realistic

Next Week 12th to 16th May

- We will be building on the children's already acquired knowledge of number 5 and looking in more detail of how it is made up.
- Continuing to focus on our [Create Curriculum Goal](#) we will have the opportunity to embed the techniques used by Henri Matisse and Eric Carle by planning and creating our own pictures using collage. Using Eric Carle's "The Very Busy Spider" as inspiration we also provide the opportunity to being to talk about the farm which will visit us on May 20th.

At home... Use scrap paper to make a collage picture with your child. Encourage them to explain to you how they did it at nursery this will help embed the learning for them. Read the story of the "the Very Hungry Caterpillar" to your child, if you do not have it, Maidenhead Library have several copies not just in English but also, Bengali, Punjabi and Arabic. When sharing the story remind them that butterflies actually come from chrysalis not cocoons.