



This Week

Our Learning

13.02.25

This week the children have enjoyed a wide range of hands-on learning experiences. Focusing on Phonological Awareness, the children explored rhyming words through paired sorting games that encouraged careful listening. Mathematically, we revisited repeating patterns, helping to build a really long pattern around the room after recalling last week's stick-and-leaf sequence! Our focus on understanding ourselves and others began with Biba's lovely self-portrait, leading to thoughtful discussions about facial features and skin tones before the children created portraits of their own. They also developed problem-solving skills by working on puzzles, learning to rotate pieces, look for straight or curved edges, and match pictures carefully. To finish the week, the children brought their own stories to life by acting them out together, using their understanding of character, setting, problem, and solution to guide each performance.



After half term

The children will be busy sorting objects and talking about what they notice, beginning with colour groups before exploring new ways to sort by size and type. We will also begin our learning about recycling by looking at what happens to the things we finish using and practising how to check for recycling symbols before choosing the correct bin. Our discussions about similarities and differences will be extended when Biba visits with a problem, helping the children think about kindness, uniqueness and things that we all share. The children will explore our 'Tinker Tray' too, learning how to handle nuts, bolts, washers and screws safely as they experiment with joining pieces together. This is part of our Woodwork Learning Goal where the children learn to use a variety of different tools to create with. We will extend our learning about rhyming pairs and strings by making 'Rhyming Soup', choosing and identifying objects that rhyme to go into a big pot! This is just another way to support the important skill of learning 'Rhyme' fun, and more likely to 'stick' in our long-term memory.



At home

Have a lovely week at home. Please start to talk about recycling things at home. Show your child where your food waste goes, how we recycle glass, plastic, paper and cardboard. Take a trip to the charity shop to show how things can be re-used rather than thrown away. All schools now need a Climate Action Policy to teach our children how to look after our planet and learning this at home will really support with this.

