



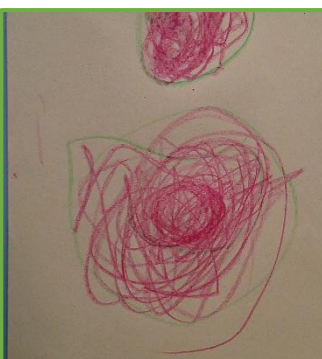
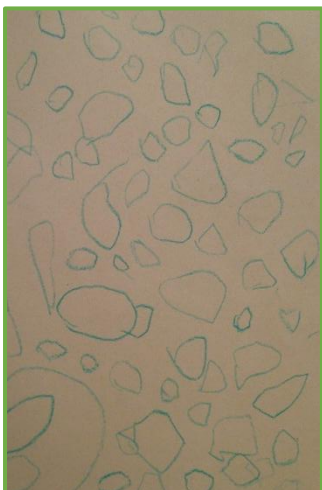
Weekly Update



Weekly update 13th to 17th April

It is wonderful to see the happy excited faces coming back to nursery this week. We have also welcomed some new children and a new member of staff, Alisha, to the Nursery. We are very proud of our existing children who have shown how caring and supportive they are by looking after Alisha and the new children.

After watching and interacting with the children this week, it is very apparent how far they have come from their own starting points with us and how well our goals and your support equips them for their life beyond MNS. In order for learning to be secure, it needs to be seen consistently and ideally used independently. We always notice that a break from nursery provides time to reflect and consolidate the learning from the previous term. This term is no different. For example, children who have spent last term observing and were heavily supported to cross the rope bridge are now running across independently, many of the quieter children are now seeking us out to chat happily about things that are important to them. They are becoming more resilient, getting over bumps quickly and are starting to self-regulate their emotions. The children have been seen using their knowledge of pattern and shape to make pictures, their subitising skills when playing games with bean bags and hoops and their understanding of story structure to make up their own stories. We have deliberately designed our curriculum and goals to facilitate these opportunities ensuring the children have all they need to develop, refine and embed their skills at a pace which is right for them.



Focus Words:

Composition
Shape
Syllable
Life cycle
Transport

Next week 20th -24th April

We will continue with our work on number 4 by incorporating it into number stories. This is a really fun way for the children to further develop their understanding of the composition of four.

We will also welcome some living eggs to the nursery. This will support the children developing their understanding of life cycles in a hands-on memorable way. It will also develop their skills in looking after the world around them as we will be caring for the eggs and chicks while they are with us.

At home...

Go on a walk and draw your child's attention to the living creatures you come across. Talk to them about how to look after the creatures in the world around us for example the insects in the garden, ladybirds, butterflies and bees. Highlight their importance and discuss how to care for them - use the nursery rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe to support your child this will reinforce the language and expectations we have at nursery.

Staff Update

Naz will be sadly leaving Maidenhead Nursery School at the end of April to pursue a new role at Achieving for Children supporting families in the community. We wish her all the best and will hopefully work together in her new capacity at some point. Her expertise and calm, friendly nature will be hugely missed by us all but we are excited for her in her new journey. Ulfat will be taking on the role as a key worker in Caterpillar group on Monday and Tuesdays once Naz leaves. Ulfat is excited to be returning to this role.

We are pleased to welcome Alisha, as a level 3 practitioner, to our team this week. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience after working at another nursery in Maidenhead.

Next week we will be welcoming Waiza who will be here for lunch and the afternoon sessions every day.



Other updates from our hardworking staff include;

- Tara is currently completing her teacher training course and has been out training this week – next week we will be welcoming her back into her key person role in Dragonfly group alongside Bev.
- Gemma and Justyna have been working hard and have both passed their level 3 apprenticeship. Congratulations!
- Kae is attending Specialist Knowledge for Teaching Mathematics training with the BBO Maths hub – finishing in June.
- Áine completed her NPQ in Early Years Leadership in the Autumn Term.
- Sacha is in the final weeks of her NPQ SENCO Leadership.
- Rachael will be completing her ECT program in July and continues her professional development in a PGDIP for Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties in children and young people.



We are extremely proud of every member of our team and we will continue to put all of our expertise into practice as we plan and deliver our curriculum each day.