

Cookham Nursery School

Weekly Update - 01.05.2026



THIS WEEK

We have loved the Spring sunshine and the opportunity to spend so much time outside, including picnic lunches in the garden!

The children have been thinking about number four. They are already experts at subitising one, two and three so they can see those amounts when they are part of four. We played a game of 'four or not four' to practise our skills, looking at groups of objects and making our choice.

Finding out about real artists introduces the children to creative ideas, and art becomes more relevant and understandable. We heard about how Andy Goldsworthy collects natural materials to create beautiful transient art and we are keen to have a go ourselves!

We continued our spatial reasoning learning when we explored straight-sided shapes and arranged them to create our own images and ideas. It was interesting to see the variety of ways that children manipulated the shapes and used the space around them.

We continued developing our storytelling skills, by creating shared stories and mark-making characters, settings, problems and solutions on a large piece of paper together. We supported the children's thinking skills by modelling a 'Plan-Do-Review' cycle as they designed and made playdough characters, thinking aloud, adapting ideas and improving their creations.



NEXT WEEK

We will be building on the foundations of last week's learning. Now that the children know how Andy Goldsworthy creates his artwork, we will be collecting natural materials from the garden and using them to make our own nature-inspired art.

Our understanding of conceptual subitising will continue with four, exploring four counters and the different ways we can split them while still knowing the total remains the same.

We will also be introduced to new characters from the Oxford Reading Tree series, including Biff, Chip and Kipper. We will begin a weekly study of a big book from the series, looking closely at the title, author, and blurb, and using the pictures to help us tell the story. The children will see us model writing a sentence from the story, helping them notice that we read and write from left to right. Recycling will feature, when we begin to consider single use plastics and their more eco-friendly alternatives.

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AT HOME

Explore the outdoors and get creative by using natural materials to make your own artwork. Collect your own leaves, sticks, stones or petals and arrange them to create a beautiful picture inspired by nature.



Cookham Nursery School in action!