



Weekly Update



Weekly update 18th May to 22nd May

This week the children have continued to reflect on last week's farm visit. We made a floor book with lots of photos from the visit which the children have thoroughly enjoyed looking at. It has been wonderful to listen to their conversations about their favourite animals, how they looked after them, which they enjoyed feeding and also which farm animal they would like to have at home. Luckily, for many, the rabbits were a really big hit!

This hands-on experience of the farm has helped make the children more aware and appreciate our natural world. This was apparent when they were on a mission to rescue snails which had made their homes in inappropriate places. With support they used the nursery rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe to find them new ones. We found a safe location to create a home which would offer warmth with lots of food and shelter from both the sun and rain. The children moved them respectfully, allowing the snails time to crawl onto leaves so we could ensure they were safe. Once the snails were settled in their new home, we were ready to leave them in peace.

Developing a love of reading is very important to us and we always enjoy sharing stories with the children. However, our aim is to move beyond this to encouraging them to pick up a book to explore and eventually read independently. Having 'Core Books' is one part of this process as the children become very familiar with the stories and then retell them themselves. To build on this independence we spent time exploring *Going on a Bear Hunt*. The children all had their own copy of the book. We all turned the pages of the book and together read the words. We talked about what we noticed and highlighted the key features of the book. It was wonderful to see how proud the children were to be able to have their own copy of the story.

Focus Words:
Imagination
Combine
Blending
Lifecycle
Material

Week beginning June 1st

We will be continuing with our learning about our natural world and lifecycles as we will receive some caterpillars to observe and support as they turn into butterflies.

We will also plant out some of the seeds we have been growing so that our butterflies will have some plants to feed off once they are released into the garden.

At home...

It is through hands on experiences which we learn the most as we use more than one of our senses at once. These do not have to be expensive trips or activities; cooking, going for a walk or a trip to a park or choosing a book from the library will have the same benefits. Why not take a trip out and when you return help your child reflect on it. Please feel free to take some photos to share with us so we can do the same when the children return to nursery.

Have a restful half term and Eid Murbarak to those of you celebrating Eid al-Adha next week.