



Weekly Update

Weekly update 22nd to 26th June

Firstly, thank you for being so understanding and supportive regarding the earlier finish times on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We never like reducing the time children spend at Nursery; however, we needed to prioritise the health and safety of our young children in the extreme temperatures this week.

This week due to the heat, we adapted our provision to include more sit-down, quiet activities, including lots of games. These are a wonderful way for children to develop many skills, including mathematical knowledge, social skills and communication skills. One of the games we played was a dice game where we all took turns rolling the dice and moving our counters along a track. This helps the children understand counting on, number recognition, and number composition in a fun and simple way. We have also played matching games, which help to develop memory and recognition skills. All of the games we have played help the children develop their social skills, as they are learning to wait their turn and manage their emotions when they do not win. Both of these are skills that our children will use throughout their lives; however, they can be difficult to master.

Using "My Turn" and "Wait" buttons is a really simple and effective way for children to understand when it is their turn and begin to understand the structure of games and how to play socially with others. Commenting on and modelling appropriate behaviour when losing helps our children understand that it is okay not to win and also teaches them how to be happy for others. Focusing attention on participation rather than the end result helps children develop a sense of pride in the process, rather than simply the outcome.



Focus Words: Waves, Dice, Flats, Non-fiction, Remember



Week beginning June 29th We will learn about professions and people who help us. This is a wonderful way to help the children develop an understanding of the what people do in the work around us. We will discuss what skills might be needed to work in that profession for example, good listening, caring, concentrating and determination. Discussing this from an early age helps motivates our children to focus on developing these skills and something to aspire to in the future.

Our focus words will continue into next week so we can consolidate them further.

At home...

Play a game with your child, focus on taking turns and moving on. It is okay if you finish a game before the end especially if they are just learning the social skills associated with playing games.

Discuss with your child what you do when you are at work and the professions of people who help us in your family. If you do an interesting job and would like to come and chat to the children please speak to your child's Key Worker.