



# COOKHAM NURSERY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY UPDATE 26.06.26

### THIS WEEK

We have been singing Five Speckled Frogs song at Group Times, using five frames and paper frogs to support our learning. Whilst singing the song the children were shown the frogs jumping off the logs and into the 'five frame pond'. They used their fingers to show how many frogs were left on the log. To the question "What do you see?", the children were able to tell us, for example, "4 frogs on the log and 1 on the five frame". This was a fun way to explore the five frames, and helped the children to develop their number sense. The children remembered our learning from last week about staying healthy through exercise and diet. This week we explored why cleaning our teeth is so important for our health. Biba, our Persona Doll, came in to share what she had learnt at her school, such as needing to brush our teeth for two minutes, twice a day.



We introduced the artist David Hockney, to the children this week. We compared David Hockney's work to Yayoi Kusama's; the children were encouraged to share what they could see in the paintings and discuss which one was their favourite.

We have been focusing on the initial sounds in words, playing games such as 'I spy' with the children. Hearing initial sounds in words is a foundational, pre-reading skill that supports the development of phonological awareness and early Literacy. To support this development, we have also been reading books such as 'B is for Baby' by the celebrated author, Atinuke, a Nigerian born British author and professional story teller.





We were so lucky that one of our parents was able to come in to talk to the children about her job as a dentist. She helped them to think about ways to take care of their teeth, eating healthy food, avoiding sugars, brushing twice a day for two minutes and regular check-ups with a dentist. The children practised their brushing skills on a dragon with lots of teeth! Thank you so much Lauren Jenkins for supporting the children's learning!



## NEXT WEEK

It will be time for us to become artists again and use our observational skills to paint a picture of a vase of flowers, just like David Hockney!

We will become even better at the early exploration of number bonds to five, with those speckled frogs jumping into our 5 frame pools. The children will make their own frogs jump this week!

There will be an exciting delivery! Some butterfly eggs will come in the post! This will further develop our learning about life cycles. However, we do need to wait until the weather cools down as the company won't send their poor little caterpillars through the Royal Mail heat!

## AT HOME

Play a game of I spy at home with your child saying the initial sound rather than the name of letter.

This will help to support your child's phonological awareness. Remember M is mmmmm not mer! 😊😊

