

Nursery Newsletter

Spring 2 Week 2

Last week we:

- The children really enjoyed playing in the florist. Children took turns being customers and florists. There were many opportunities for mark making during the role play such as designing their bouquet, writing a shopping list, writing a card to go with the flowers and using a checklist to decide what flowers they would like.
- Some children made a pond inspired by the book 'Bog Baby' and we are almost finished these there were quite a few steps to make them but they look beautiful!
- Instead of the directed drawing of blue bells we learnt to draw lily pads. First we practiced as a class on our mini whiteboards and then some children did it on paper to be used in their pond art work.
- Will continue spotting rhyming words and playing matching games to encourage children to hear rhyme in familiar words. We encourage you to spot rhyming words together at home too when reading.
- Practiced writing the number three using the rhyme "around a tree, around a tree, that's the way we make a three".
- Used our new mini whiteboards to practice writing our names using the correct letter formation and the children are doing a fantastic job so far! If you are continuing this at home, we encourage you to make sure they are using the correct formation and only a capital letter at the beginning. Here is a useful video to help you to encourage correct pencil grip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eq1hlbitwEs>

This week we:

- Talk about how the characters were feeling throughout the story.
- Practice retelling the story after reading.
- Continue talking about the word habitat and comparing different environments.
- Continue to practice using adjectives to describe the what the character and setting look like.
- Are going to practice following step by step instructions during a directed drawing of blue bells. We will paint these later in the week.
- Will make our own Bog Baby using paper mache—thank you so much for all the newspaper donations!
- Continue using our whiteboards to practice writing our names and numbers with correct formation.
- Practice writing the number four using the rhyme "down and over, down some more, that's the way we make a four"
- Compare different sized bog babies and shells using language 'small, big, smaller, bigger, smallest, biggest'.
- Play numeracy games to encourage quick recognition of numerals e.g. bingo.
- Providing targeted intervention groups for communication and language, fine motor and handwriting (pencil grip and writing name and numbers) and phonological awareness (focusing on rhyme at the moment).

Extra messages:

- Just a gentle reminder to encourage the children (wherever possible) to come in by themselves as it gets very crowded in the morning.
- Don't forget to wear PE appropriate clothes on Tuesday (afternoon children only) and Friday for morning PE.
- Can you please ensure that all children have a spare change of clothes in their bag in case of accidents as we no longer have any spare trousers.

Best Wishes,
The Nursery Team