

# Nursery Newsletter

## Spring 2 Week 4

### Last week we:

- Read 'A New House for Mouse' by Petr Horacek.
- Made our beautiful mothers day cards. These took a little longer than expected so that was our painting for last week!
- Continued 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 five using the rhyme "Down and around, then a flag up high, that's the way we make a five."
- Used our new mini whiteboards to practice writing our names and numbers using the correct formation.
- Played numeracy games to encourage quick recognition of numerals and numbers e.g. bingo and dominos.

### This week we:

- Are reading 'The Gigantic Turnip' by Aleksei Tolstoy and Niamh Sharkey.
- Will be learning to draw apples to go with our story from last week. Today some of the children drew theirs and began painting them using an actual apple as their tool. They look great so far!
- Drawing vegetables sprouting from the ground, we will paint these with watercolours later in the week.
- Talking about how different fruits and vegetables grow. If the sun comes out later in the week, we hope to be doing some gardening and planting some flower and vegetable seeds.
- Will be talking about Spring time and today we all decorated a tree to be used on our season display.
- Will practice clapping the syllables in words. We encourage you to continue this at home once your child is confident with rhyming.
- Will be doing lots of fine motor activities to help develop our pencil grip!
- Continue using our whiteboards to practice writing our names and numbers with correct formation. The children are making huge progress with this! We have loved hearing that children are excited to continue practicing at home.
- Practice writing the number six using the rhyme "Down we go and make a loop, number six makes a hoop."
- 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. Could parents please pass on this message to parents also.
- 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.

We hope you have a wonderful week!

The Nursery Team.