

Nursery News - Issue 1

Welcome back to Nursery! We had a lovely few days last week and we were happy to welcome the children back to school. This term we start our new topic “Terrific Transformations”. Each week the children will be introduced to a project activity focussed on a ‘transformation’. This is such an inspiring and open-ended topic and we are really looking forward to it. Our first project title is “Changing Shape”. Information on each project and ideas for activities at home are on the school website so please do take a look. <https://therocheschool.com/nursery-parents/> under the tab ‘activities at home’.

We have been so busy and the children have come back full of enthusiasm. We have moved the home corner and the construction/block area around, much to the children’s amusement, but the change seems to have sparked some even more wonderful collaborative play in both Nursery classrooms. The domestic role-play continues to be a really popular resource and we have now added a ‘home office’ which they have enjoyed exploring.

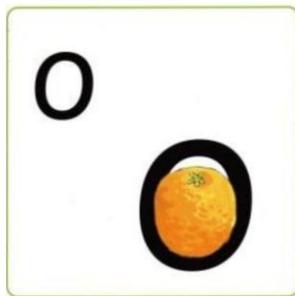
In the small world area the children had a go at setting up their own ‘dinosaur world’ which was popular and a lovely way to encourage conversation and language development. The children have also enjoyed engaging in various creative activities such as collage and junk modelling, which in turn supports pencil grip and scissor control. We welcomed two new friends into the Nursery this week and the children have already made friends with Oscar and Max and they have settled in beautifully. Forest School was on the chilly side this week, but as always the children had a wonderful time. They particularly enjoyed feeding the ducks.





Phonics

This week we focussed on the letter 'o' and they had a go at forming the letter with lots of colours on the whiteboard. We learnt the rhyme for formation "All around the orange!" They were able to match pictures to the corresponding letter sound and as usual they enjoyed watching Geraldine the Giraffe go on a 'sound hunt'. The children continue to show an interest in mark making and 'writing' using the variety of resources in the Nursery. They have been working well using the templates to trace their own name each day as part of the self-registration process.



All around the orange.



Mathematics

The children extended their interest in patterns this week by using some of the sorting and counting resources to create repeating patterns. Next week we will continue this by creating necklaces and bracelets with pasta and beads. They also enjoyed exploring a shape activity on the interactive whiteboard. Don't forget that you can access the parent account for Busy Things, using the username 'tap' and the password 'pat'. <https://www.busythings.co.uk/play/>



Book Suggestions

Below are the book suggestions this fortnight

- Aaron Slater, Illustrator by Andrea Beaty
- The Whale Who Wanted More by Rachel Bright
- I Want My Hat Back by Jon Klassen

Have a lovely weekend
Nursery Team

