



Nursery News- Summer Issue 4

We have enjoyed a sunny and exciting fortnight in Nursery. This week the Jubilee Celebrations came to an end with the finale of our Jubilee Celebration with a festival of Friendship and Culture. June is also Pride month. Pride takes place every year in June and is a celebration designed to recognise the influence of the LGBTQIA+ community, celebrating diversity and people's right to be themselves, without discrimination. Pride month promotes positivity and equal rights for all, which goes hand in hand with the Roche Approach.

In Nursery we will be celebrating and learning about Pride Month by sharing stories and having discussions and as always, using these to inform our planning to design learning opportunities inspired by children's interests and ideas. The children will learn about what makes them and others special and unique and empowering them to feel proud of their differences. Please see our book suggestions this month, for some lovely child friendly ways to explore Pride and learn about all kinds of families.



Free-flow and Projects

The Children have enjoyed two projects; one based on the Jubilee and a journey around London and the other based on the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The children enjoyed a delicious picnic of cucumber sandwiches and camomile tea all whilst learning about the key landmarks in London. This week we have continued their interest in London by creating a large-scale map of the City on the interest table. The children have been really interested in sand and water play this week and have loved the addition of flower petals, leaves, tea pots and pink water to the water table.



Phonics

In phonics we explored sounds around the home, listening to a program on the whiteboard. The children were really good at identifying sounds (even identifying the sound of a vacuum cleaner) and were able to match the sounds they heard to the correct picture. We enjoyed listening to the Jolly Phonics songs and coming up with objects that began with our sounds of the week 'h' and 'b'. We all had a go at using the 'magic' pen on the Interactive Whiteboard, learning to form the letters correctly. The children really amazed the teachers with their ability to hear the beginning, middle and end sounds in CVC words.

We continue to work on comprehension and pre-reading skills and the children are so good at listening carefully to a story and answering complex questions. The last few weeks we have really been working on the skill of inference (working out a key part of the story based on subtle clues, rather than what is seen/written). Some wonderful books to practise this skill are the books by Jon Klassen: We Found a Hat, I Want My Hat Back and This is Not My Hat.

Mathematics

In mathematics we have been continuing the children's interest of shapes and patterns. They have been exploring the Sensorial equipment such as the knobbed cylinders. The children have also been exploring the construction area and trying to build some of London's famous landmarks, using mathematical language in their play. We have also been working on the use and understanding of more complex positional language when creating and drawing our own maps of London.



Forest School

The children have been practising the safe use of tools in Forest School. They are now able to use a small saw and hammer safely and effectively! They had a wonderful time sawing branches and hammering nails into pieces of wood.



Book Suggestions

Below are the book suggestions for this fortnight:

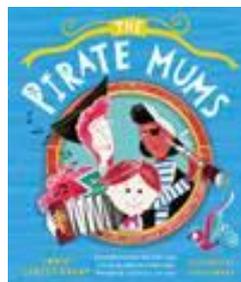
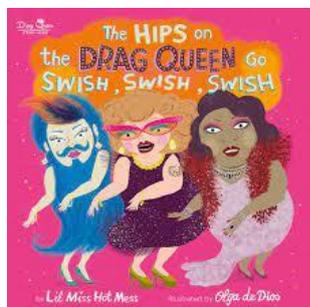
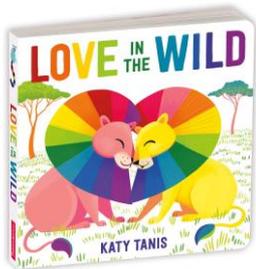
Love in the Wild- Katy Tanis

The Hips on the Drag Queen go Swish, Swish, Swish- Lil Miss Hot Mess

Pirate Mums- Jodie Lancett-Grant

Under the Love Umbrella- Davina Bell

We are Family- Patricia Hegarty



Best wishes

Nursery Team