



Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Parents

¡Hola! Languages week has been a roaring success and the children have enjoyed being immersed in Spanish culture this week. They had a wonderful time attending our 'Bilingual Beats' workshop as well as learning some more Spanish songs, looking at some pictures of parts of Spain, talking about Spanish food and even enjoying a Spanish Breakfast.



Below are a few links to some of the Spanish Songs we have been singing to the children. We are sure you will find that your little one will be able to sing them to you confidently!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlBZeNKCbSI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AlYpkpAB8k8>

Free-flow

This year the children have been really engaged with the home corner, role-play in general and imaginative play. We have set up various role-play scenarios and small world scenes for them to enjoy, but this week the addition of some 'medical boxes' has been incredibly popular. The children have been bandaging, checking temperatures and examining the dolls carefully. There has been some wonderful expressive language observed and it just demonstrates how valuable this type of play is.

The children have also enjoyed practising their fine-motor skills by using chopsticks to pick up objects floating in the water tray; a lovely link to our Lunar new Year celebrations last week. The children have also become very interested in patterns and have been having a go at creating simple repeating patterns. This is a lovely activity and can easily be recreated at home using simple objects such as coins, buttons, cutlery etc.



Forest School

This week children enjoyed a very exciting session at Wimbledon Common. We splashed our way through the stream, collected water in buckets and put together our very own pulley system amongst the trees. The children were so engaged with the activity scooping water, climbing the banks and transporting it from one side of the stream to the other. We had a lot of soggy but happy children by the end of the session! Next week we will be extending this activity as the children enjoyed it so much.



Project:

Last week the children enjoyed learning all about Lunar New Year. They saw pictures of how the various countries celebrated as well as taking part in a dragon dance.

This week we will be exploring two books for our project; Ruby's worry and Silly Billy. The children will be exploring the Guatamalan tradition of Worry Dolls and creating their own.



Books

Below are some suggestions of book celebrating languages to support our work this week.

How do you say I Love You by Hannah Eliot. Learn how to say “I love you” in ten different languages with this heartwarming board book.

Salsa Lullaby by Jen Arena. How to get baby to sleep? Mami and Papi will try anything in this bouncy, loving, bilingual lullaby that gently says good night in both Spanish and English.

Say Hello by Linda Davick. Illustrations and rhyming text reveal that “hello” can be said many ways, from a handshake to a dance of happiness, and that the world would be a lot more fun if more hellos were shared.

Green is a Chile Pepper by Rosanne Greefield Thong. In this lively picture book, children discover a world of colours all around them: red is spices and swirling skirts, yellow is masa, tortillas, and sweet corn cake.

Best wishes

Nursery Team

