



Summer Nursery Newsletter

We hope you had a lovely Easter break. It has been lovely hearing about what the children said was their favourite part of their holiday.

It's a short half term but we have been busy as always, but it has been lovely to see how well the children have settled back in. It's like they haven't been away. All credit to them.

And can I say a special well done to the children who have been stopping all day. They have been amazing, and it's been lovely to hear other teachers in the building comment that they thought they were Reception children with how well they were walking around school during their lunch time. It has been a long week for them and we have seen their energy levels dip a little, but they will get used to it in time. They have been a credit to the school.

Important dates for Nursery



- Family Friday starts Friday 2nd and will continue every Friday after that.
- Monday 5th May- Bank Holiday- School closed
- Forest school starts Monday 19th and will continue every Monday after that.
- Monday 26th May- Half Term
- Monday 2nd June- children return back to school.
- Monday 23rd June- 9am- Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Maths workshops for parents to attend- this will be working in the classroom with your child. (12:30pm for afternoon nursery parents)

- Monday 30th June- 9:15am-10:15am- New reception children stay and play
- Tuesday 1st July- 1:30pm-3pm- Whole school Transition afternoon (children spend the afternoon with their new teacher)
- Friday 4th July- Sports Day (Times to be confirmed shortly)
- Friday 4th July- 5:30pm-7pm Summer Fair
- Monday 7th July- 9:15am-10:15am- New reception children stay and play

Tuesday 15th July- 9:15am-10:15am- New nursery children stay and play.

Friday 18th July- last day for children to attend.

Forest School every Monday.



Forest school was a huge hit with the children last term. It was wonderful seeing how the children's confidence grew as they explored the area. From the children who were a little worried to trek up the stream and are now splashing through with smiles on their faces, to the children who needed support to climb trees and are now climbing them with no worries. And of course, the children who found it very hard to dress themselves, who are now dressing with very little support. It has been wonderful to watch.

A few things we would like mention to our new families joining us, and to remind everyone else about getting ready for Forest school, especially as it gets colder this month are:

- We are in school for an hour before heading down to the forest, so if the children come to school dressed for the forest, the first thing we need to do is get them undressed. It can be very warm in the Nursery. It is better if their forest school additional clothing can be stored in a plastic bag - with their name on the bag and all items of clothing - that we can support them to get dressed when the time is right to head down to the forest.

- Can children come to school in their school shoes, and we will change them into their wellies when the time is right? If they don't have a change of footwear, all the dirt from their wellies is making a mess of the Nursery floor.
- As the weather is getting very cold at the moment, gloves are brilliant to help keep your children warm. However, and we are sorry if your child has lost any during their time with us, but we do have a basket of gloves that none of the children are saying that they are theirs. The gloves have no name on them so we do not know who to give them to. Please put a name on everything your child brings into Nursery.
- An extra pair of socks placed in their Forest school bag would be beneficial. A lot of the children have enjoyed splashing in the water, but sometimes this water splashes over their wellies. If we had a pair of socks to change them into when they return to Nursery, this will keep them warmer as well as cleaner.
- We will be inviting you along to see how well the children are doing within the forest school environment. As soon as we know a date for this we will let you know.

And if your child is taking part in two sessions of forest school because they are here all day, an extra set of clothes maybe a good idea just in case we have to change them.

Family Friday- because reading is soooooooooo important





Family Friday was a massive success last term. Like I said to you, it was my favourite time of the week. How you interacted with your little one, and seeing them enjoy a good story was a joy to watch. Every Friday we will be giving you the opportunity to come into Nursery again. Please look out for the new times in the window of the Nursery.

For our new Friends who are joining us this month, every Friday when you come into Nursery, you will have the opportunity with your child to pick a story from our collection to read at the time. You are then free to take this home with you to share again and again during the week. The book is yours to lend over the week, but we do ask for you to return it to school the following Friday to allow other children the opportunity of enjoying the book themselves.

What better way is there to spend quality time with your child than to sit down with them and enjoy a quality book?

Maths taught every day.



In Maths we will be learning the following blocks from White Rose:

wk1 - Lead on own patterns (Patterns 3)

wk2 - Starting to Puzzle (Shape, Space and Measure 5)

wk3 - Making patterns together (Patterns 4)

wk4 - Make games and actions. (Subitising 4)

Then during the second half term we will be learning the following blocks from White Rose:

wk1 - Show me 5 (Counting 4)

wk2 - My own patterns (Patterns 5)

wk3 - Stop at 1,2,3,4,5 (Counting 5)

wk4 - Match, sort, compare. (Comparison 3)

The rest of the time will be spent consolidating any learning the children need in order to access the Reception curriculum when they start in September.

Cbeebies Numberblocks is a great program for children to watch to help them get ready for Reception maths too.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

Literacy taught every day



Looking forward to this term, I always start with looking at Literacy and the books we are teaching from to see what further enhancements the nursery will require to aid this learning. The books we will be looking at this term are:

wk1 - Dinosaur Roar

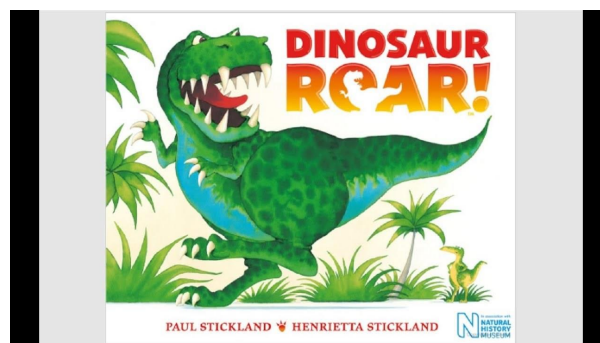
wk2 - DK first facts - Dinosaurs (Non-fiction)

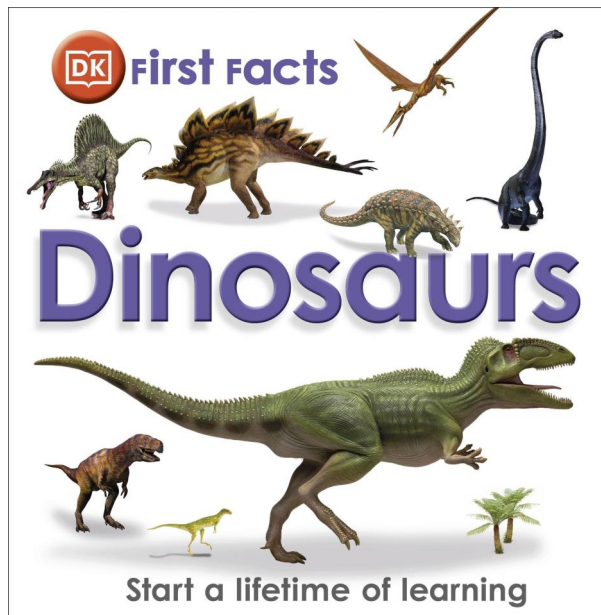
wk3 - A Dinosaur at the bus stop (Poetry)

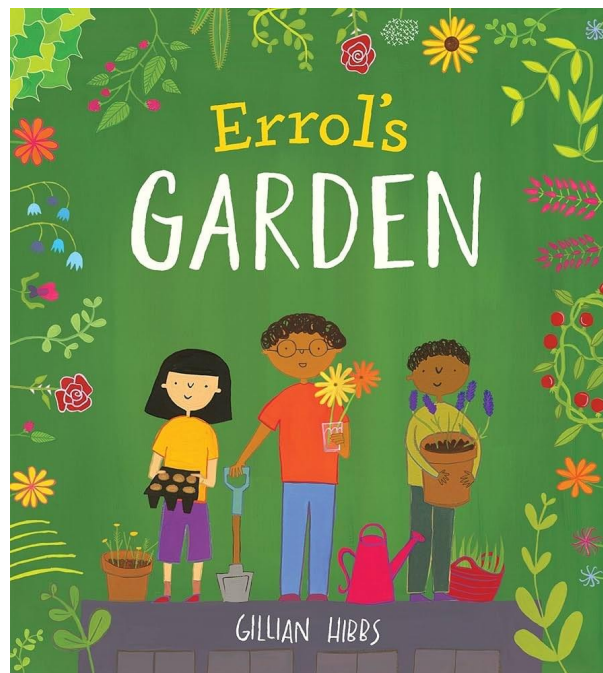
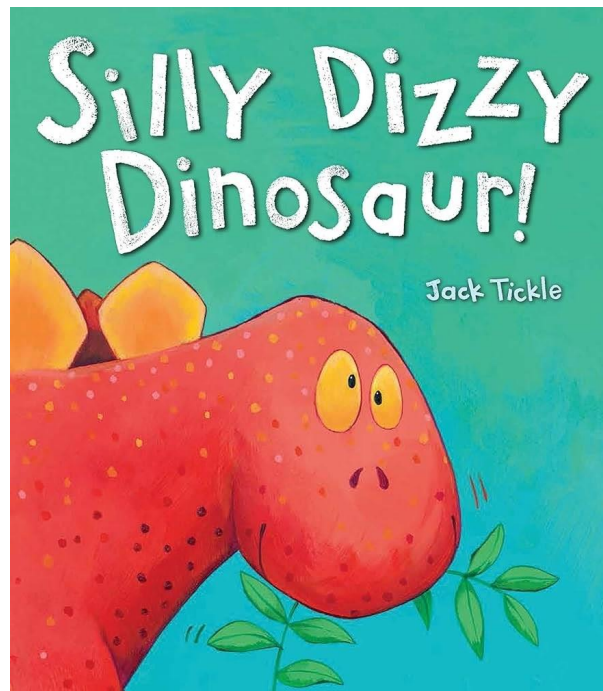
wk4 - Silly Dizzy Dinosaur

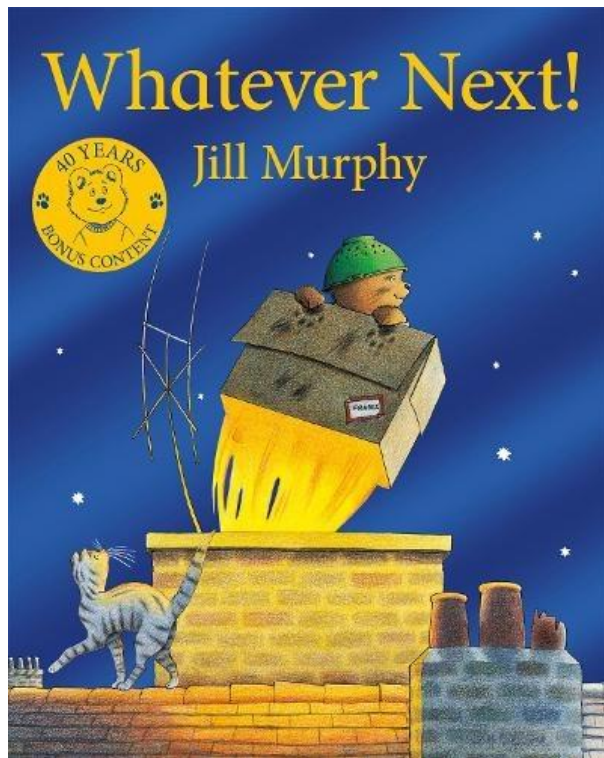
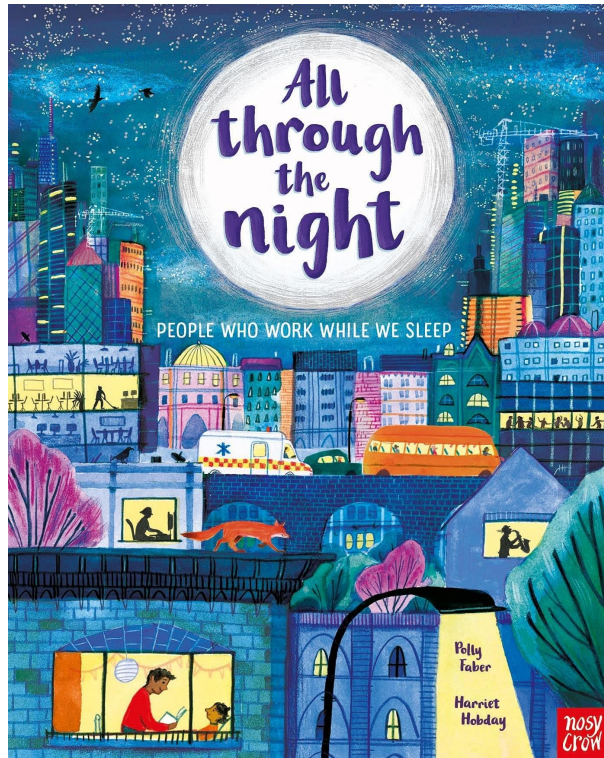
Although the order of these books is to be confirmed, in our last half term we will be looking at:

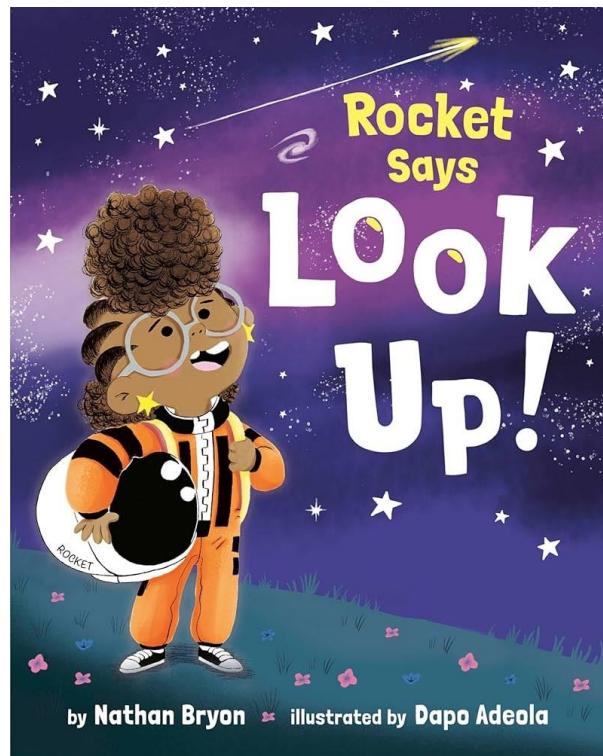
- Errol's garden
- All through the night
- Whatever next?
- Look up











Phonics taught every day.



In Phonics we are looking for the children to tell us more about what they can hear by orally blending themselves instead of our modelling to them. The Nursery rhymes are all repeated from early this year so we hope the children know them well. The 'sounds' we will be learning alongside the Nursery rhymes are:

- w + Humpty Dumpty
- y + Ring a ring a roses
- z + Row, row, row your boat
- qu + Incy Wincy Spider

- ck + Pat-a-cake
- x + Baa, baa black sheep
- sh + The wheels on the bus
- th + 1,2,3,4,5, once I caught a fish a live
- ng + a
- nk + Hey, Diddle diddle

With how successful the phonics workshop was, I do hope you see how the children have learnt this year in regards to phonics. I do believe they will be able to access the Reception curriculum well, and you are going to be soooooooo proud of them when they are reading to you before Christmas.

I do keep saying about the importance of saying the "pure sound" when teaching phonics. This is a video from a Reception child that says the phonemes they have learnt. We do not teach the graphemes during Nursery but its important for you to see them. In Nursery we teach one new phoneme per week. Then in Reception, the children will learn four phonemes per week, and be able to learn the grapheme that is attached to that. A child who achieves in Nursery by tuning into the sounds, will achieve really well in Reception and its amazing how quick they can pick up reading. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZtjFlvA_fs
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDu3JAjf-U0>

We will also be sharing a document that we use to aid pronunciation. Please look to Teams for this.

Cbeebies Alphablocks is a great program to help your children get ready for Reception Phonics.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

Jigsaw PSHE- taught every Friday



Every Friday we teach PSED through a scheme called Jigsaw. We start each session with 'Calm time' and use a chime to show the children how to relax. We have talked about this technique being used to calm us down when we are in situations we don't like that may make us angry or sad.

Once we talk about a topic before the children go off and have opportunities to talk or do these things further.

This term we are talking about 'Relationships'. These are broken down into jigsaw pieces with the titles called:

- My Family and Me!
- Make friends, make friends, never ever break friends Part 1 and 2
- Falling Out and Bullying Part 1 and 2
- Being the best friends we can be

In our last half term we will be looking at 'Changing me'. This is broken down into the jigsaw pieces with titles called:

- My body
- Respecting my body
- Growing up
- Growth and change
- Fun and fears
- Celebrations.

Reminders



We are extremely pleased with how well the children look after their own personal care. There has been very few accidents. However, the draw string bags you have sent in have been invaluable. When a child does have an accident, putting on their own spare clothes

does feel so much better. We do encourage them to dress themselves as much as they are able during these times. With us starting forest school, we will be wet from time to time, so if your child does not have spare clothes in school, we ask for you to send some in... just in case of accident but also to keep dry if needed.

Isn't it amazing how much they will learn this year? How much they will grow and mature. I'm sure you are all very proud. If there are any questions about the content of these lessons or anything you want to know about September, please don't hesitate to ask. I am always available to help.