



20th November 2020

Dear Parents,

What a busy week we have had in Nursery! This week has been 'National Nursery Rhyme Week' and we have loved all the activities and songs that came with it! We have also met Mr Young who took us for 'Sensory Circuit Training'; we will be doing this regularly on a Tuesday and a Thursday. This Thursday was our first session and we all LOVED it!

We also have Dr Blackford in twice a week for music and singing; we are working really hard on our Christmas carols and some sign language to go with the songs. The Guinea pigs have got a new home in the garden now so please feel free to visit them when you pick up or drop off; they also love a carrot or cabbage leaf so you are welcome to drop off a vegetable in a bag to be left on top of their hutch.

What have we done this week?

Physical Development

We really enjoyed Sensory Circuits, lots of balancing and throwing involved. In the garden we have been marching like the 'Grand Old Duke of York'. We have done lots of pictures from familiar nursery rhymes and worked hard to trace or follow lines and patterns. We have also practised some tricky scissor skills trying to cut along different lines without cutting through the picture.



Communication and Language

We have been learning the Christmas songs and some Makaton signs to go with the actions. We have enjoyed trying to hear the rhyming words in the nursery rhymes and some of us made up our own rhymes. Harry in particular has been playing with lots of words and made us all smile with his song about Mrs G, "ABC, there's Mrs G!"

We have been trying to work on our quiet voices by singing rhymes loudly and quietly but we do get quite excited; we have mastered the loud and will continue working on the quiet!

Expressive Art and Design

We really enjoy using musical instruments with Dr Blackford; this week we have used bells and have become really good at only playing them for the parts of the song that we need to. We like hearing the drums playing in the music block; the beat this week helped us to march like the "Grand Old Duke of York". We used cupcake cases to make flowers from 'Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary's' garden. They look beautiful as a table decoration in the home corner.





Understanding the World

We have seen lots of spider webs in the garden this week and sang “Incey Wincey Spider” whilst looking at the patterns in them. We sang “The Wheels On The Bus” and talked about who had been on a bus journey; lots of children had been on trains but not so many had been on a bus.

Maths

‘Hickory Dickory Dock’ was a great learning activity; we coloured pictures of clocks and mice, we traced lots of lines and learned the names of shapes such as rectangle, square and circle when looking at the big clock in the nursery rhyme. We spoke about size when we looked at the big, tall clock and the small mouse. We looked at numbers and practised writing them when we made our own clocks. We sang lots of songs and rhymes with numbers in and used our fingers to represent numbers as we counted.



Literacy

We have read lots of classic nursery rhymes this week and had fun looking at all the beautiful pictures that go with them. We all laughed at ‘Hey Diddle Diddle’ and discussed if we thought a cow could really jump over the moon? We all LOVED listening to Julia Donaldson books and looking at the rhyming words in her stories.

Personal, Social and Emotional (PSE)

We spoke about ‘Miss Polly’s dolly’ being sick, how the doctor came to visit and who looks after us. Everyone agreed Mummy and Daddy are who we all want when we are sick.

Important Dates:

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| 7th December | - | Christmas Jumper Week |
| 7th/8th December at 10am | - | Nursery Christmas Carol Concert via Zoom Link on WhatsApp |
| 8th December | - | Children to leave Nursery early to watch School Concert at home. Time tbc. |
| 9th December | - | Nursery Christmas Party |
| 9th December | - | Last Day – children finish at 12 noon |

Mrs Beresford, Mrs Griffiths, Miss Makey and Mrs Wagstaff

