

## Nursery Peek at the Week

### Weekly News

This week in Nursery,

We have been learning the poem 'Nature Trail' by Benjamin Zephaniah as part of the whole school's Benjamin Zephaniah week. Each key worker group has learnt separate lines to recite and together we have learnt the first verse and the Makaton signs to match what we are saying. Our reception classes have each learnt a verse and the EYFS staff have enjoyed learning the final verse so collectively we can now recite the whole poem. We have created a video so that we can continue to revisit the poem with the aim to recite the whole poem by ourselves by the end of the year.

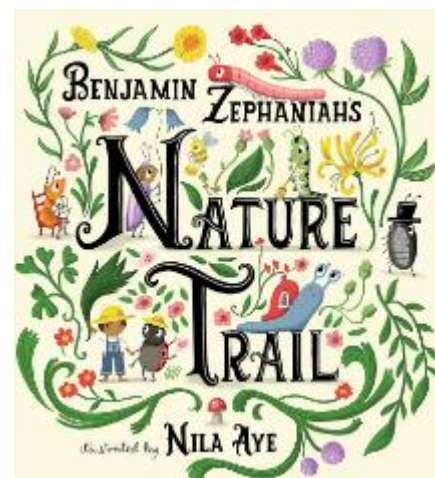
The poem is about different animals that can come and visit our gardens including hedgehogs, frogs, creepie-crawlies, birds and cats. The children enjoyed going on their own nature trail in our garden looking to see if they could find any of the creatures that are mentioned in the poem. We also used seeds and mud to make bird pizzas to try to attract more birds into the garden.

The children also enjoyed using different art materials to make different representations of the animals. We painted using forks to make hedgehog paintings, the forks help to create the quills. We also used scissors to cut brown paper to make hedgehogs. We also used playdough and different materials to create our own animals and insects.

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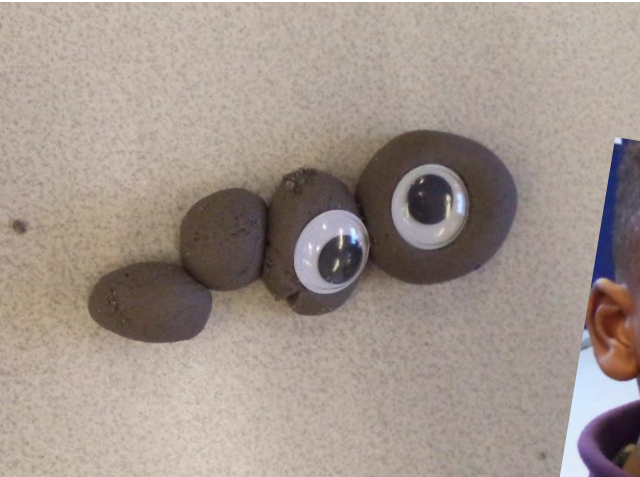
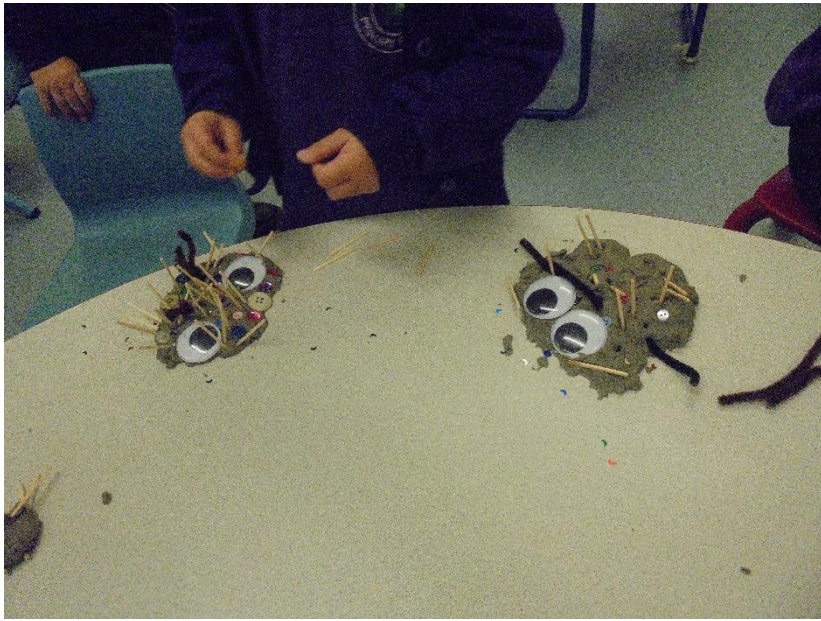




Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

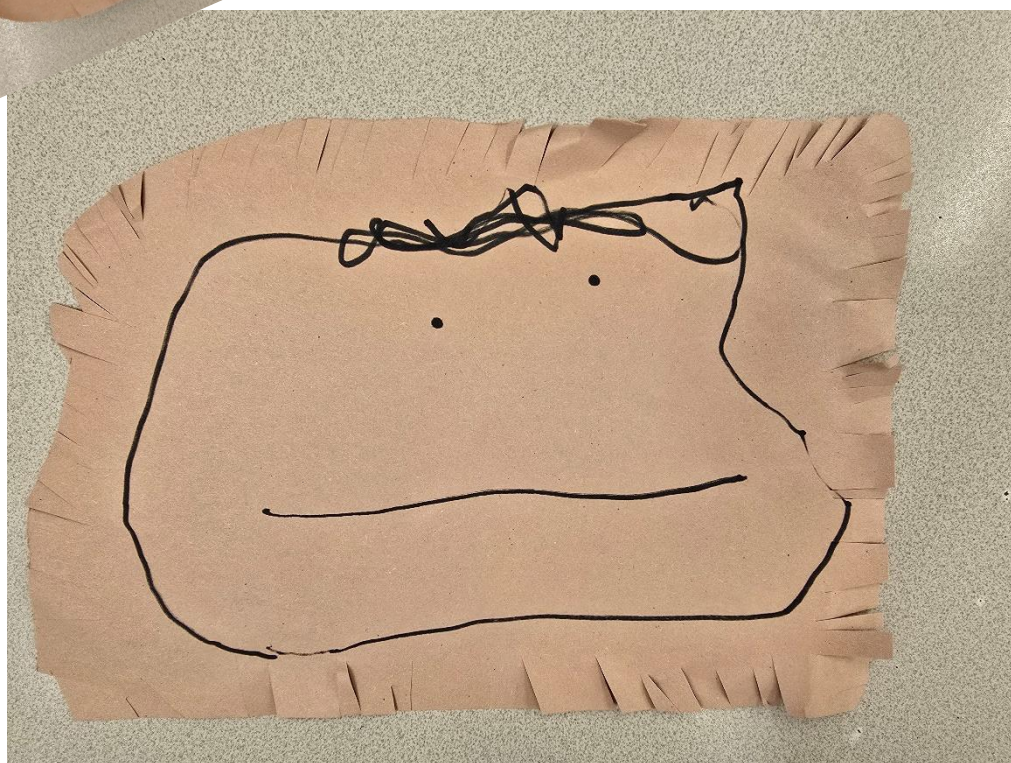














We looked at the rhyming words in the poem and then played a game where we matched different rhyming pictures e.g. sock and rock.



### Dip and Do

Can you go on a nature trail? What animals can you find in your garden/in the park?

Can you find some rhyming words? Maybe this can be in a story or you can draw some words that rhyme e.g. a sock and a rock.

Please can we have any kitchen rolls/toilet roll tubes and old newspapers for the week after half term. We need these for a craft we are doing.



## Applying your child's primary school place

All of our current nursery children are due to start primary school in September 2025.

Being in our nursery does not automatically mean that you will be given a primary school place at our school. If you have not seen the rest of the school I highly recommend that you come to an open morning or evening to find out all about the lovely curriculum that we have to offer. This includes Forest School and many other extras that other schools may not have (please see dates in our key dates section).

### **Please see details below detailing how to apply for a school place:**

If you are Sutton resident, please use the link below:

<https://www.sutton.gov.uk/w/applying-to-start-primary-school-1>

The website offers guidance and a step-by-step video guide to help you through the process.

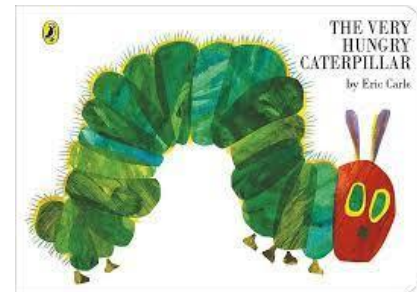
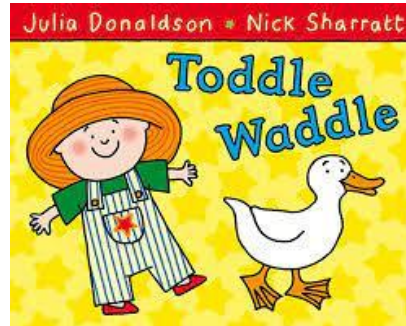
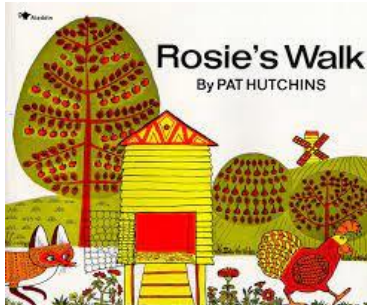
Applications open on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 and close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

National offer day will be on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

If you live in another borough, you will need to apply through your local council's website but you are still able to select Sutton schools.

If you have any questions regarding this, please ask.

**3-a-day Stories:** These are stories that the children hear every day. These stories have been carefully chosen to help the children to develop a love of reading and to help them to develop early reading skills. These stories have key elements that support the children to retell them for example many of them use rhyme or repeated phrases. Please read these at home too, if you do not have them you could borrow them from a library or watch them on YouTube.



#### Important Dates

**School Open Morning Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am** You will have to apply for your child's school space by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. If you would like to find out more about the school please attend one of our open mornings or evenings.

**Nursery Rhyme Dress up Day: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**-children to come to Nursery dressed as their favourite nursery rhyme character.

**School Open Evening Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 7:00pm** You will have to apply for your child's school space by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. If you would like to find out more about the school please attend one of our open mornings or evenings.

**Nativity Performances to parents/carers: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am-10:30am and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm-3:15pm**

Details to follow

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