

## Nursery Peek at the Week

### Weekly News

This week in Nursery,

We have been learning all about **Australia** as part of the schools 'Around the World' week. The children were all very excited when we boarded an aeroplane and flew over the sea (using video clips to show what this looks like) and the children who have flown before enjoyed talking about what they saw and felt. We then landed in Australia and the children enjoyed visiting some of the famous landmarks. We listened to some opera at the **Sydney Opera House**, we saw lots of fish at the **Great Barrier reef**, we travelled along **Sydney Harbour Bridge** and we saw **Uluru**. We also tasted Vegemite on bread and TimTams.

We also read a story called '**Somewhere in Australia**' by Marcello Pennacchio. This story helped us to learn lots of different animals that live in Australia including a **dingo, platypus, koala, kangaroo, kookaburra, Tasmanian devil, adder, thorny devil lizard, emu, tree frog and a red-back spider**.

We have done lots of artwork making Australian flags, painting animals, printing circles to make aboriginal art, building the Sydney harbour bridge and using paper mache to make Uluru. The children have learnt lots of facts about the country and we are all really proud of them. Please show your child the pictures below and see if they can tell you what they have learnt.

Please do not forget if you would like to contact us please feel free to email me using the email addresses below:

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The children have been developing their fine motor skills using cotton buds to make aboriginal art.

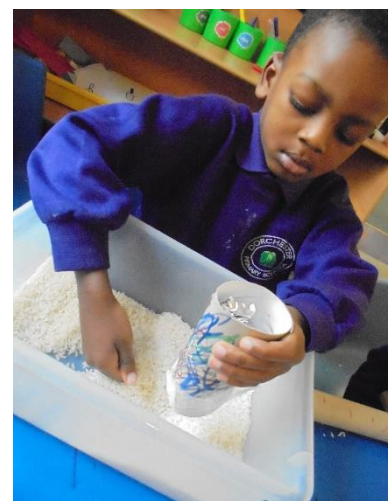




The children have been exploring circles and printing in different colours to make aboriginal art.



We used rice, silver foil and cardboard tubes to make rain sticks.

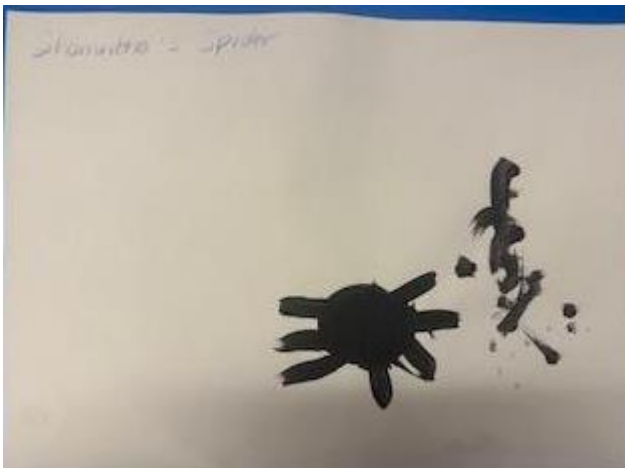




We have used paper mache to make Uluru. Come and see us Monday after school to see the finished model.



We built Sydney Harbour bridge.



A spider by Shamritha



A kangaroo by Varshika



A platypus by Elodie



A Koala by Yana



# Uluru



# Sydney Harbour Bridge







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## 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.

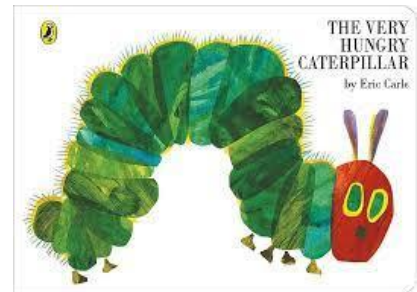
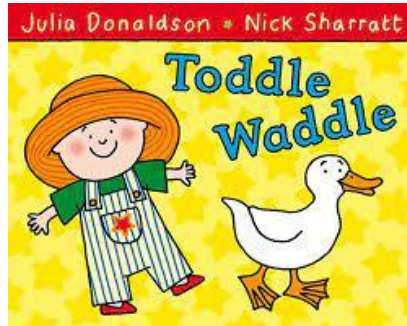
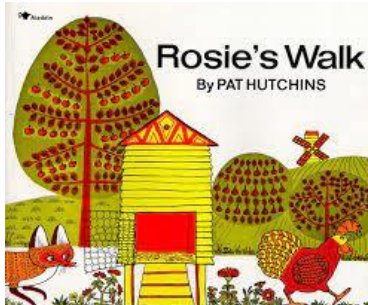
Applications open on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 and close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

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](#)

**Individual school photographs:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

**Sibling school photographs:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

**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

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024