

## Nursery Peek at the Week

### Weekly News

This week in Nursery,

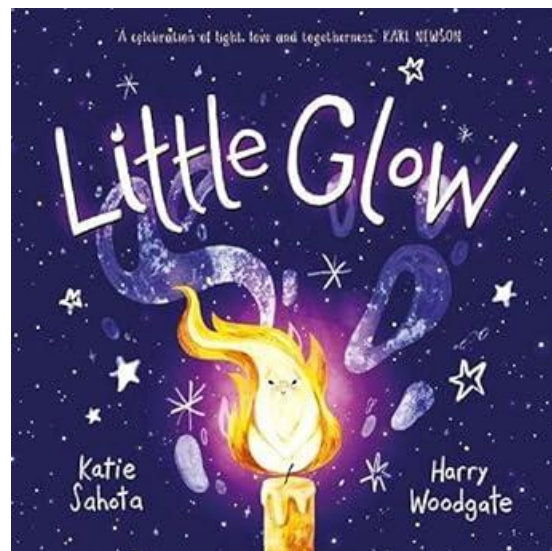
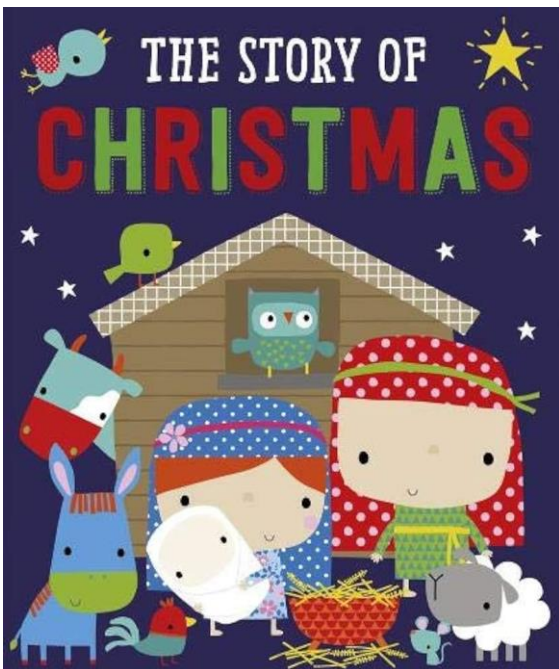
We have continued to read 'Little Glow' by Katie Sahota, this book is all about different festivals that are celebrated at this time of the year. All of these festivals celebrate light and 'Little Glow' the candle celebrates them all. We have talked about Diwali divas, candles for birthdays, lights at Christmas and other light celebrations that use candles or lights. We have also read 'The Story of Christmas' by Hayley Down which explains why Christians celebrate Christmas. We have talked all about Mary and Joseph and their journey to Bethlehem on the donkey before baby Jesus was born. The children have enjoyed practising their nativity songs and are working hard to learn the Makaton signs.

In Maths, we have been learning to compare the sizes of different objects using mathematical language such as short, long, tall, big and small. The children have also been developing their fine motor skills by safely using scissors to create paper chains.

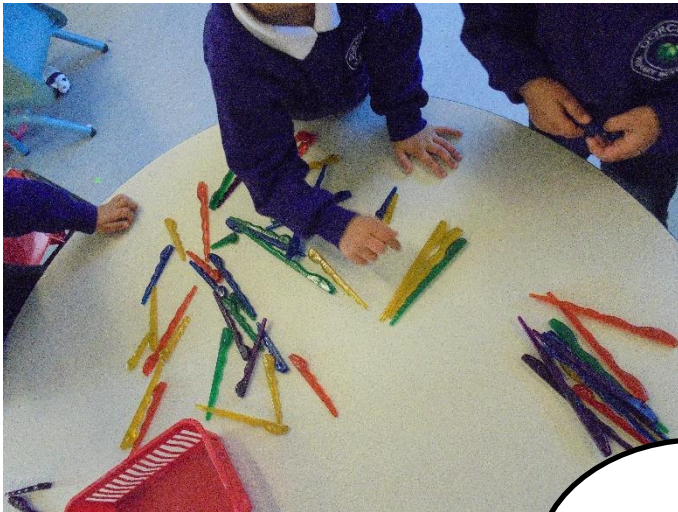
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Please share these photographs with your child and talk about what they have learnt.



This one's small!

It's big!



The children have been learning different mathematical vocabulary to compare size of various objects. Some are even comparing their heights with their friends!

Who is the tallest/shortest in your family?

Can you find the biggest/smallest object in your house?



They're Currants!

3 currant buns in baker's shop big and round with cherry on the top

The children are all gaining confidence when remembering and singing their nursery rhymes.

What nursery rhyme can you sing?

Can you make a prop for the nursery rhyme?

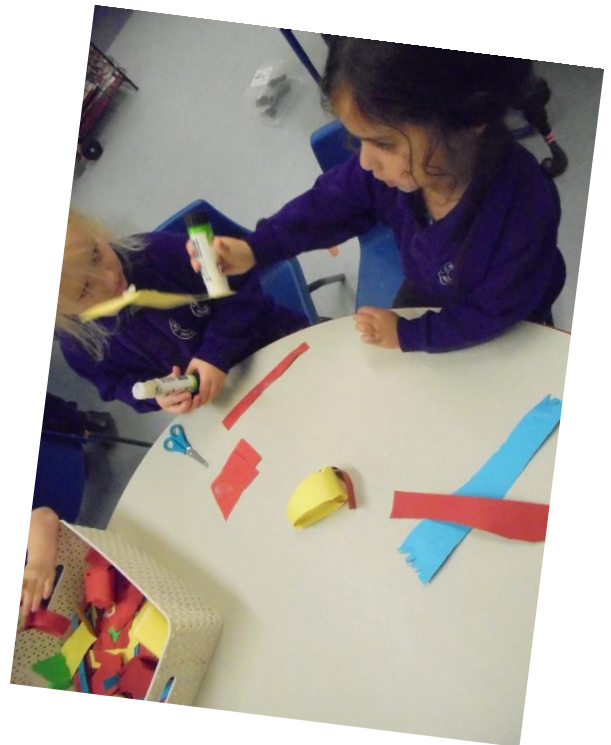


The children have developed their fine motor skills, carefully using scissors to cut the paper into strips to make paper chains.

Can you practise holding scissors safely?

Do you have any celebrations you celebrate at home?  
How do you celebrate?

Can you make a long paper chain at home?



Walking through the jungle  
what do you see?

Can you hear a noise?

What could it be?

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We have amazing readers at Nursery!

The children are enjoying having a go at reading the 3-a-day stories and pretending to be teachers.

What other animals do we see in the story?

What sounds do they make?

What happens at the end?

**(Walking Through the Jungle by Julie Lacome)**



The children have explored joining different materials together to make instruments. We had some very talented guitarists who performed songs for us all.

What instrument can you make at home?

What do you need and how will you make it?

What songs can you perform with your instruments?



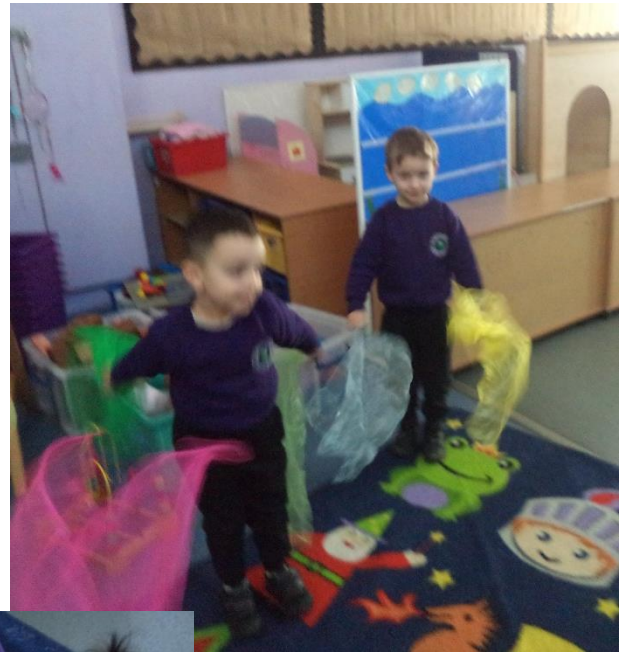
### Squiggle whilst you wiggle

This week we started Squiggle whilst you wiggle. This is a writing program that we use to help the children to practise their large motor skills to get ready for writing. The children learn different movements each week to music. First we do the movements with our 'flipper flappers' and then we practise them using pens. This week we learnt to move **up and down**.

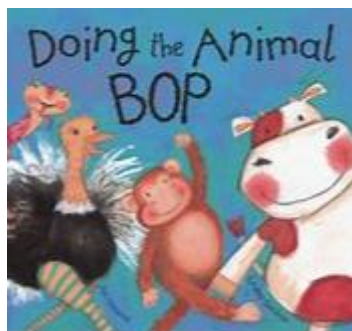
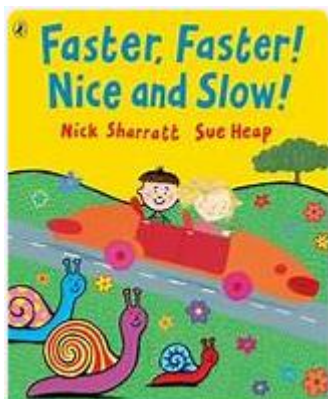
Can you practise the up and down movements at home?

Can you draw up and down lines using pens?





**3-a-day Stories:** The children have learnt our last 3 a day stories really well. These are our new 3 a day stories for this half term:



## 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.

### Important Dates

**Christmas Fair Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 12:00pm-3:00pm** please come along and support the school and have lots of Christmas fun at the fair. We also need volunteers for the stall, please see the QR code in the Nursery window to sign up to help.

**Donkey visit Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** the children will get to see real life donkeys to support their learning of the nativity story.

**School Open Morning Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 09:30am-11:30am** 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.

**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**

Please check your child's costume letter to see what they need to wear for these performances. **Please could we have your child's costume in a named bag as soon as possible?**

**Last day of Nursery Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** children to attend their usual session times.