

## Nursery Peek at the Week

### Weekly News

This week in Nursery, we have read the story of '**The Great Race**' by Emily Hiles. This book tells the story of the Jade Emperor who hears twelve animals having an argument because they want the New Year to be named after an animal but they each want it to be them. The Emperor decides that the animals should have a race across the river and they will name the New Year after the winner. The rat is the winner but the Emperor decides to give each animal a year in the order that they completed the race.

We have been using small world toys and masks to retell the story.

We have also been talking about different things that people do to celebrate **Lunar New Year**. The children have worked together to create a dragon and have enjoyed practising dragon dances. We have also created fortune cookies, which gave the children a great opportunity to practise their mark making.

The children each drew a symbol to represent a message to their families and this was placed inside their fortune cookie. They used their counting skills to count out the correct number of tablespoons of flour, dairy free spread and sugar. They were also able to talk about the properties of a circle as they shaped the biscuit mixture onto baking trays. We also talked about how the mixture changed when it was cooked and it could then be folded to hide their secret message.

We have also been counting out the correct number of coins into different red envelopes, matching numeral to quantity and developing our finger muscles when using chopsticks. Next week we are going to be tasting vegetable spring rolls as many of the children did not know what they are.

If anyone has celebrated Lunar new year at home, we would love to see photographs for the children to share with the class.

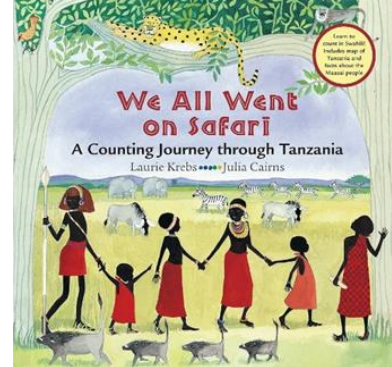
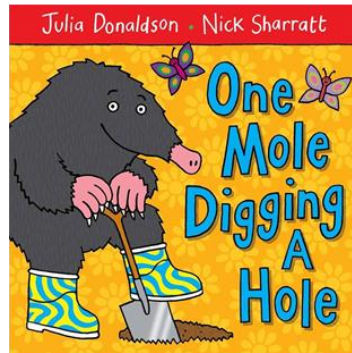
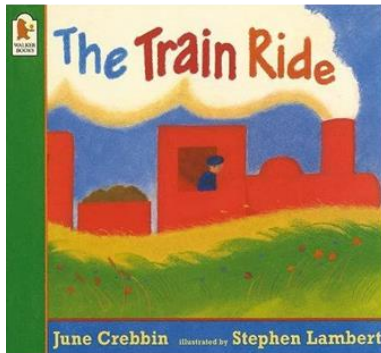


If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me or Munaza using the email addresses below:

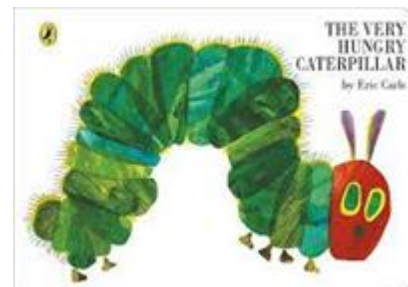
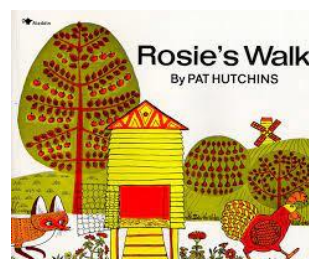
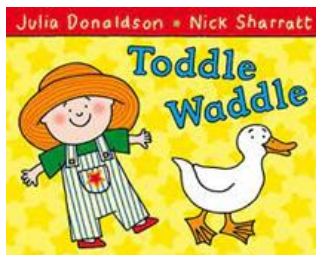
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**3-a-day Stories for Amber, Casper and Millie group children:** The children have learnt our last 3 a day stories really well. These are our new 3 a day stories for this half term:



**3-a-day Stories for Ollie group children:** 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.



### Dip and Do

These are some ideas of things that you may like to do to support your child's learning at home.

- Can you bake something at home? Is this recipe similar or different to the fortune cookie recipe we used?
  - Can you retell 'The Great Race' story?
  - Can you draw your favourite animal from 'The Great Race' story?
  - Can you try a new food that you have not tasted before?
  - Can you find objects beginning with d?
- Can you count out the correct number of objects to match to the numerals 1, 2 and 3?
  - Can you watch Number blocks three and talk about what you see?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08bzgxx/numberblocks-series-1-three>



What have we been learning Nursery?

Please show your child these pictures and encourage them to talk about them.

**How is Lunar New year celebrated?**

**Who celebrates lunar New Year?**

**Do they eat special food to celebrate Lunar New year?**

**Do you celebrate anything like this at home?**





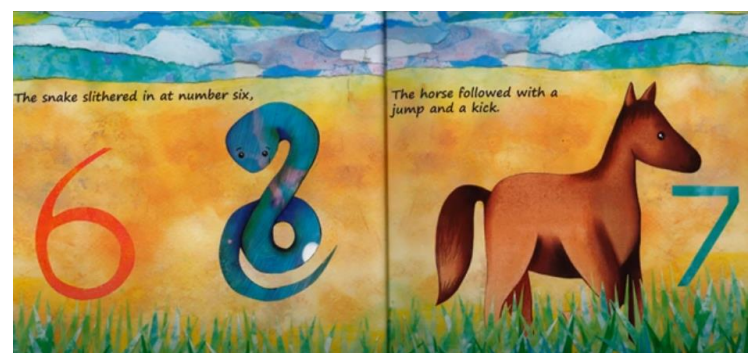
Can you retell 'The Great Race' story?

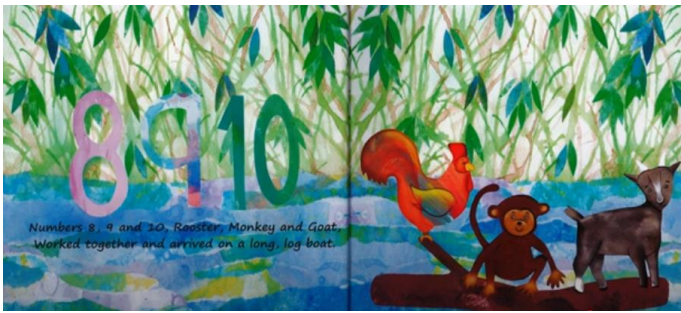
What animals are in the story?

Who is your favourite animal and why?

Can you draw a picture of the animals from the story?

Can you talk about these pictures from the story?





**What ingredients did we use to make fortune cookies?**

**How did we make fortune cookies?**

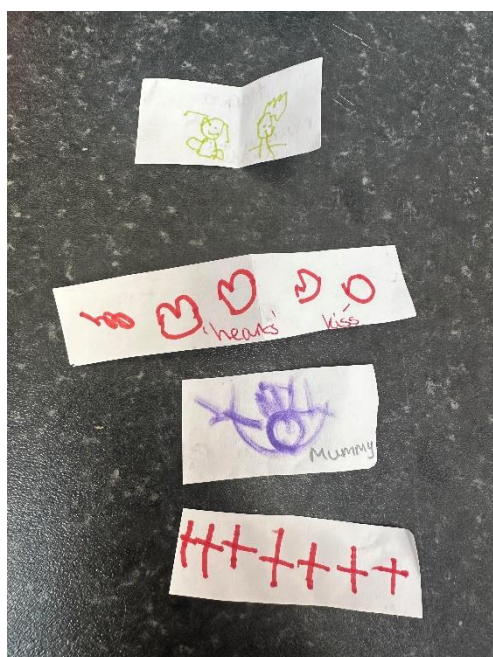
**Can you bake something at home?**





Can you remember what message you wrote/drew?

Can you use symbols to write/draw a message at home?



Can you match numeral to quantity (e.g. count out the correct number of objects to match the number)?



Bertha the bus when to the zoo, what does she see as she passes through?

Can you think of other objects that begin with d?





Important Dates

**Fine Motor Earlybirds Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

**8:30am-9:30am or 2:15pm-3:15pm**

Please come and join us at either the beginning or end of the day to join in with some fine motor activities. This event will give you ideas for activities you can practise at home.

**Last day of half term: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Children to attend normal sessions.