

Nursery Peek at the Week

Weekly News

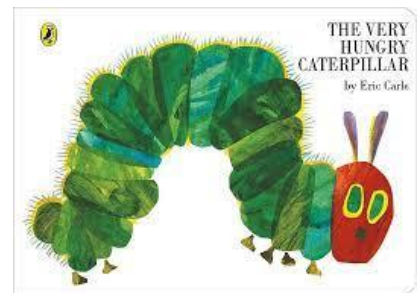
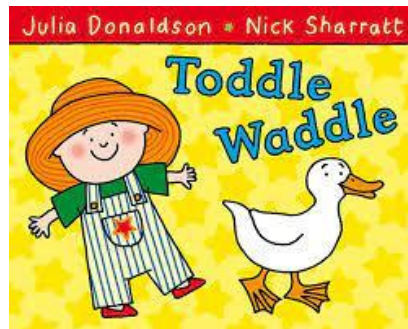
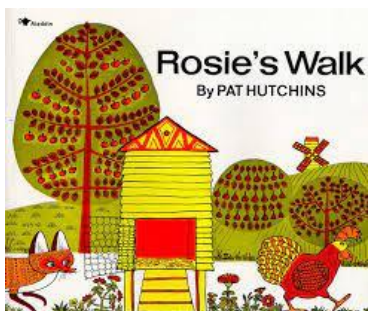
This week in Nursery, we have started to learn all about the Zones of regulation and how they help us to understand and talk about our emotions. We have been focussing on what happy and sad feel like and different things that can make us happy or sad. Please see the pictures from our Zones of Regulation story below and talk about what things make you happy or sad.

This week we have had lots of fun joining the rest of the school as we participated in The National Gallery 'Take One Picture' project. This project takes one picture from the National Gallery and encourages schools to use it as a stimulus for art learning. We then have the opportunity to enter our artwork for a competition and it may be displayed in the gallery next year. This year the chosen painting is **A Regatta on the Grand Canal by Canaletto**. The children have all been talking about the painting and what they can see. They have learnt how to make playdough and then made their own playdough boats. We have also made a large river using different apparatus to paint with. The children had lots of fun using mops to spread the blue paint as far as they could. We have also thought about how to mix colours to make different shades of blue. We will be using our large wooden bricks to make the buildings for the side of the river. We cannot wait to show you our finished picture next week!

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REMEMBER No question or concern is too small, I would rather you email me than worry about something!

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.



How did Kit feel on Monday?

What makes you feel happy?



Once upon a time, in a bright and colourful land, there lived a child called Kit. Kit loved to play outdoors and explore new adventures.

On Monday, he was very happy for his first day at Dorchester Primary School. He came to school with a big smile on his face and laughed along with his friends. He felt warm and fuzzy inside. His teacher explained that he was in the Green Zone. This meant that Kit was feeling focussed and ready to learn.

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How was Kit feeling on Tuesday?

What makes you feel sad?

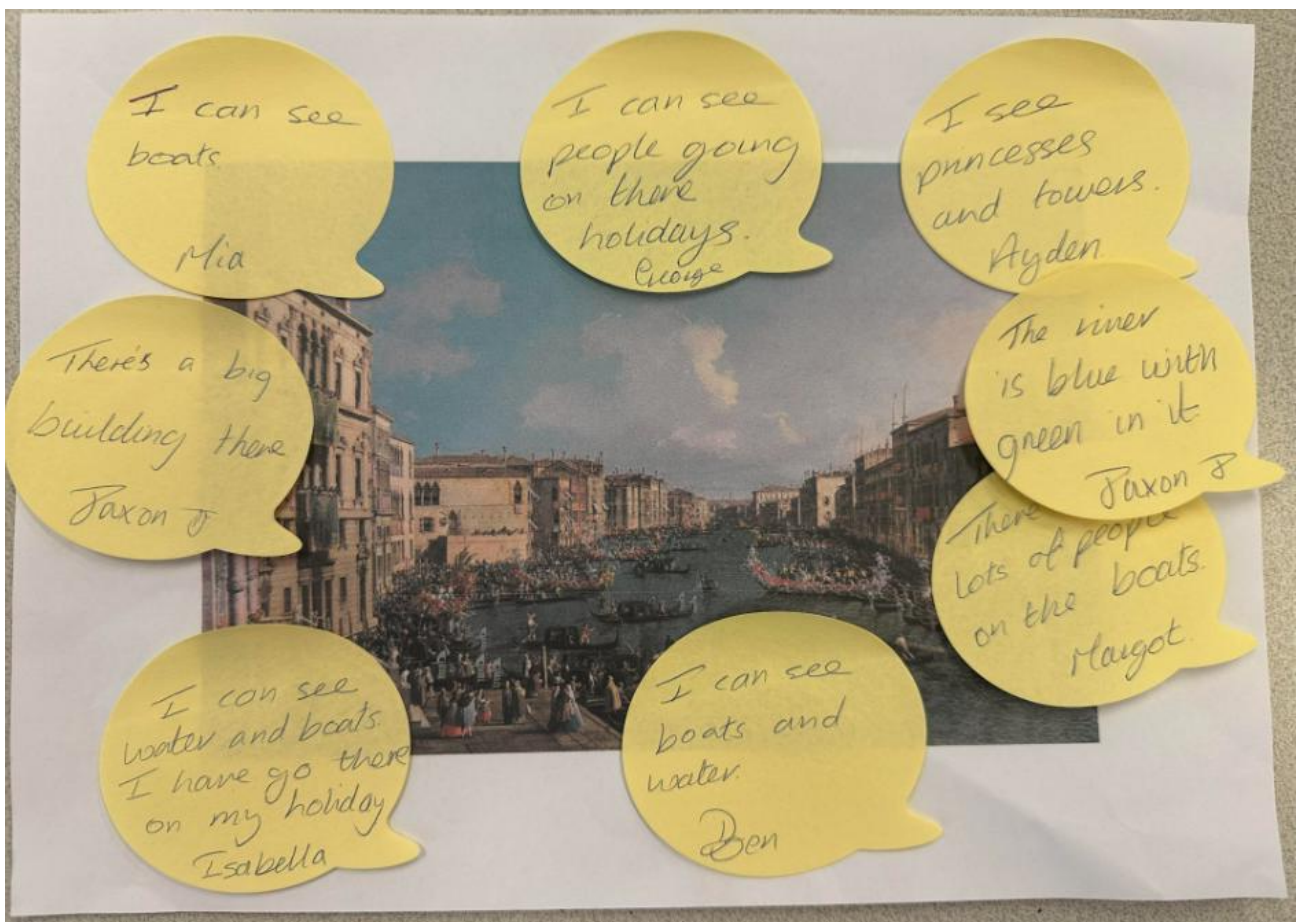


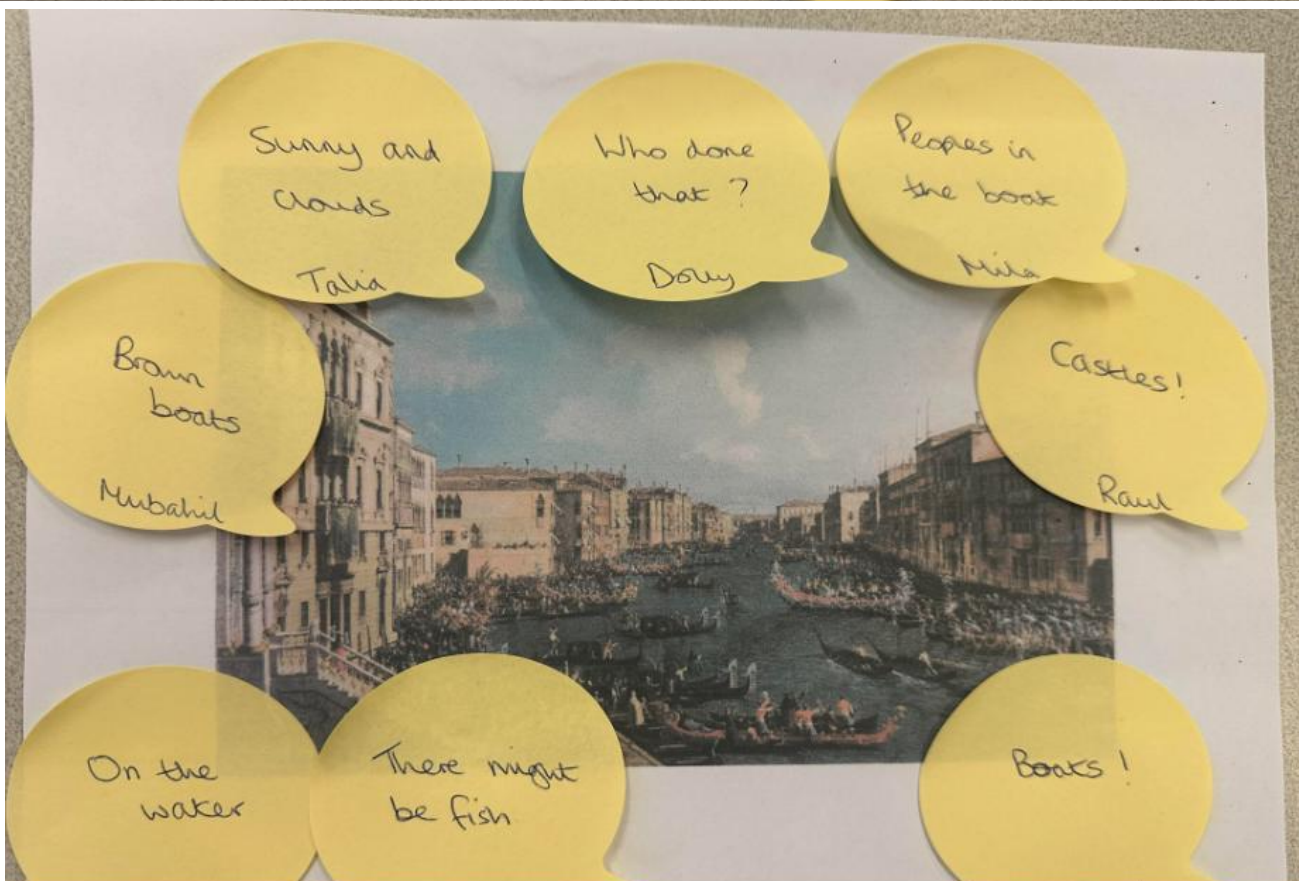
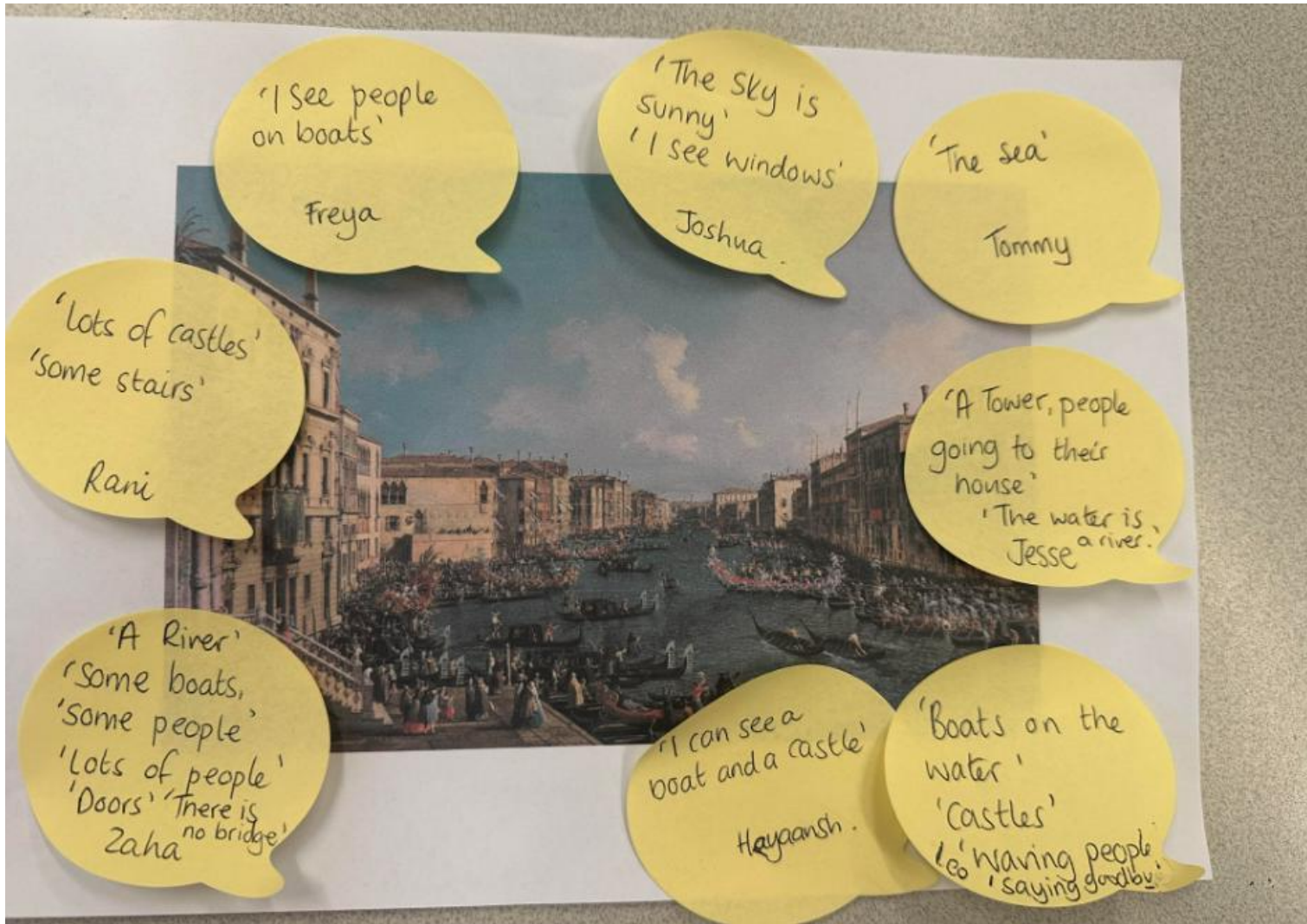
On Tuesday, Kit woke up feeling a bit sad. He came to school crying and did not want to talk to his friends. He was tired and felt very sad inside. Kit's teacher noticed that Kit was feeling sad and tired. His teacher explained that he was in the Blue Zone and that is OK.

This meant that Kit was not ready to learn. His teacher asked him if he would like to talk about his feelings or have a rest. He asked if he could have a hug and then he felt much better. He was now in the Green Zone and ready.

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What can you see in the painting 'A Regatta on the Grand Canal by Canaletto'?





How did we make our river?

How did we blend different shades of blue?

What did we use to paint a larger painting?





Dip and Do: Home Learning:

- Can you make a boat at home? What resources will you use? We would love to see photographs.
- Does your boat float?
- Can you make different shades of blue?
- **Apply for your child's Primary School Place**

Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 are due to start primary school in September 2026.

Applications open on 1 September 2025 and close on 15 January 2026.

National offer day will be on 16 April 2026.

Please see the Sutton Council Admissions Page for guidance:

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

Remember that having a Nursery space at Dorchester Primary School does not automatically give you a Reception place. You will still have to apply via the council website.

If you would like to find out more about the school then please come to one of our open events.



**DORCHESTER
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

OPEN SCHOOL EVENTS

We would love to welcome you to visit our school during our open events.

- Monday 15th September 9:30am
- Tuesday 7th October 9:30am
- Wednesday 5th November 9:30am
- Thursday 27th November 7:00pm
- Friday 12th December 9:30am

Register your interest:
🌐 www.dorchesterprimary.com
We look forward to meeting you

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Important Dates

Monday 10th November-Friday 14th November World Nursery Rhyme Week

The children will enjoy a variety of Nursery rhyme activities to develop their early language and reading skills.

Thursday 13th November 8:30-9:15am or 2:30-3:15pm Early Birds Session: Rhyming Activities

Come and join with the children as they explore a variety of rhyming activities. You will then be able to recreate these activities at home to support your child's early phonics learning.

Friday 14th November Nursery Rhyme Dress Up Day

To celebrate World Nursery Rhyme Week children are invited to come to Nursery dressed as a character to represent their favourite Nursery Rhyme.