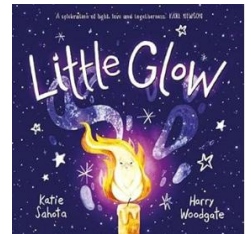


Nursery Peek at the Week

Weekly News

In Nursery this week we have been learning all about Diwali which is the festival of light. The children have enjoyed finding out about different ways that Diwali can be celebrated. Each child made their own Diva lamp to take home with a candle to light to share the celebration with their families. They helped to make the salt dough and then kneaded in powder paint to change the colour of their dough and added their own decorations to make their diva lamp special. They have also enjoyed created Rangoli patterns using different materials. We even made a giant rangoli pattern outside using coloured pasta. The children were able to use their maths knowledge to sort the pasta by colour and shapes looking at similarities and differences. Happy Diwali everyone!

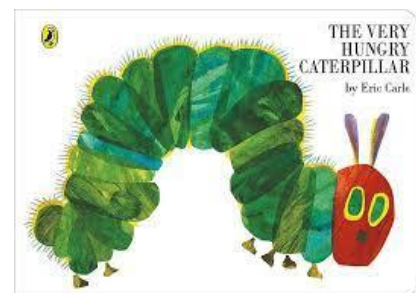
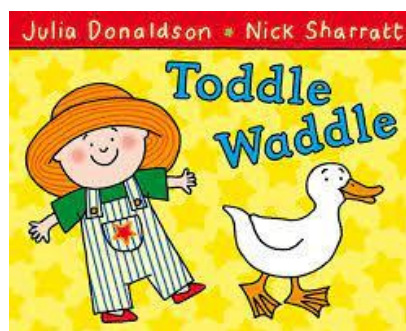
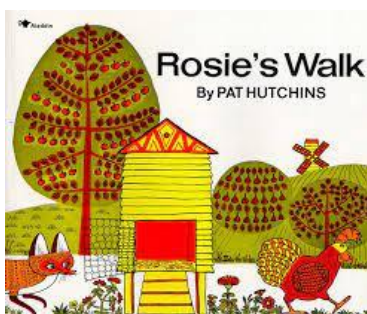
Over the autumn and winter period there are lots of celebrations that all use lights as part of their celebration, for example bonfire night, Lunar new year, Christmas, birthdays and Eid. If you celebrate any of these celebrations, we would love to see photographs so that the children talk about their real-life experiences. After half term we will be reading a book called 'Little Glow' by Katie Sahota this is a beautifully illustrated book that helps the children to see how all of the light celebrations have some similarities to them.



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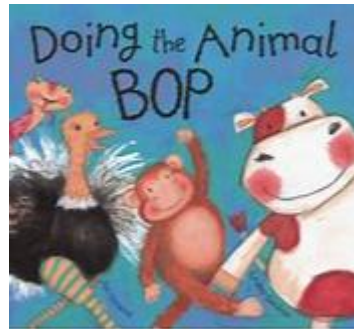
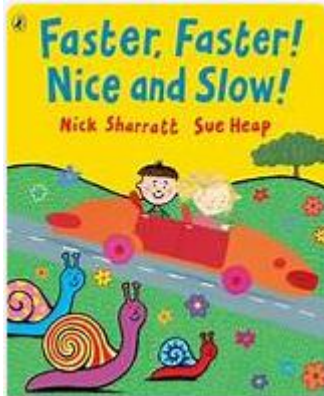
REMEMBER No question or concern is too small, I would rather you email me than worry about something!

3-a-day Stories: The children have all become very familiar with our 3 a day stories this half term and many of them can retell parts of the story using repeated refrains from the books and expression. Please continue to practise them at home.



Our new 3 a day books for next half term are:

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:



Dip and Do: Home Learning:

- Can you put your coat on by yourself? Can you take your shoes off and put them back on?
- Can you sort objects into categories at home? What is the same/different about them?
- What has been your favourite thing that you have learnt at Nursery so far?
- Can you remember how Diwali is celebrated?
- Can you practise our squiggle up and down movements? You could dance with scarves or even tissues. Can you draw up and down lines?
- **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.



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:
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We look forward to meeting you

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Dorchester Road
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Important Dates

Monday 27th October- Friday 31st October Half Term School is closed unless you have booked your child a space at Willow Holiday Club.

Monday 3rd November- Children return to school.

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.

We have been learning to scrunch up tissue paper and stick it to paper plates to make Rangoli patterns. The children thought really carefully about the shapes and colours that they were using. A Rangoli pattern is a bright, colourful design that is used to welcome your guests when celebrating Diwali.



We also used coloured pasta to create a large Rangoli pattern together. The children were then able to use their mathematical knowledge to sort the pasta by colour and shape.



We also decorated our home area with Diwali decorations. The children talked about different times when they have decorations at home.



Look at our lovely diva lamps.



This week we started Squiggle whilst you Wiggle. This incorporates dance and large movements to help the children to develop the muscle control that they will need for writing. This week we learnt how to move our arms up and down and how to draw straight lines that go up and down.



