

Nursery Peek at the Week

Weekly News

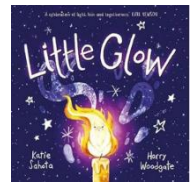
In Nursery this week we have been continuing to think about different celebrations at this time of year that celebrate light. The children continued to enjoy sharing the 'Little Glow' book. This week we have been mainly focussing on the firework celebrations from the 5th November. The children have been developing their creative skills by making firework pictures using different types of media. We have also worked collaboratively to make a large bonfire (painted flames) and then enjoyed being firefighters who had to spray the flames with water. This helped to develop our finger muscles.

We have continued our 'Squiggle while you Wiggle' handwriting scheme and have learnt the side-to-side dance move. We have also begun dough disco to get our finger muscles stronger.

We are really looking forward to Nursery Rhyme week next week. Please do not forget that we have Early Bird sessions on Thursday where parents are welcome to come and join in with lots of rhyming activities.

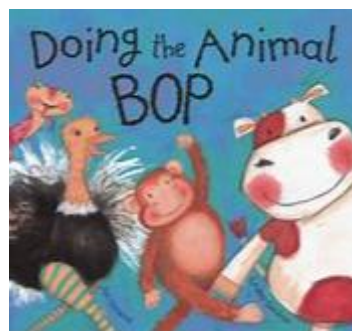
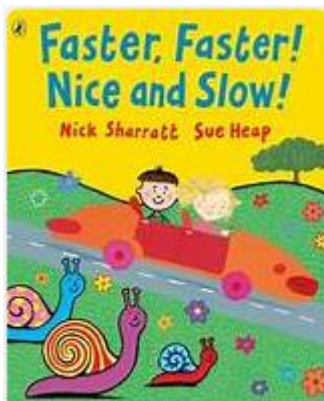
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REMEMBER No question or concern is too small, I would rather you email me than worry about something!



Our new 3 a day books for this 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 dance the side-to-side Squiggle move?
- Can you draw up and down and side to side lines on paper, in sand or glitter with your finger or maybe with chalk or water outside?

- Can you practise the 'Squeeze' Dough Disco move? If you do not have playdough maybe you can look up a recipe and make some.
 - Can you make different firework sounds?
 - If you see any fireworks, we would love to see photographs so that the children can talk about their experiences.
 - Can you make a firework picture?
 - Can you learn your favourite Nursery rhyme off by heart for next week's nursery rhyme dress up day?
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- **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. **Please can your child attempt to learn their favourite nursery rhyme off by heart so that they can share it with the rest of their key worker group!**

What have we been learning in Nursery this week?

We have been making firework pictures in flour using paintbrushes and our fingers.



We have been using cotton buds as paintbrushes to develop our fine motor skills. We have painted firework pictures.



We have been sticking different media to make different firework pictures.



The children collected leaves and sticks to make a bonfire. They then used large paintbrushes to create the flames and were very proud of the finished effect.



Dough Disco

This week we learnt the 'Squeeze' move for Dough Disco.

