

Nursery Peek at the Week

Weekly News

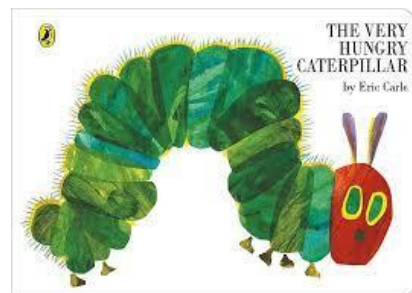
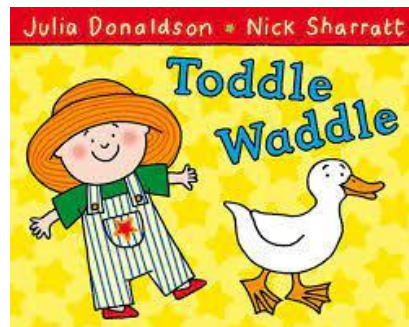
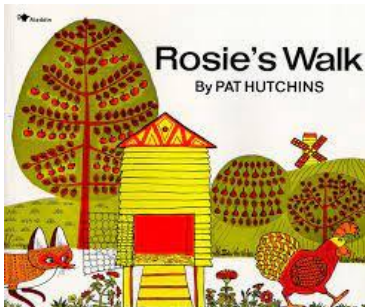
This week in Nursery, we have been learning our first Little Wandle focus nursery rhyme, 'Round and Round the garden'. The children have learnt what the word round means and we have been exploring drawing circles to go round and round. We have also been going on adventures around the nursery garden and we have started to notice the early signs of Autumn. We have been studying the leaves and noticing some of the changes. We have also been exploring conkers; rolling them in paint to make different patterns.

It was lovely to see you all for Parents evening appointments this week and to discuss how well the children have settled and how much progress they have already made in such a short space of time. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any further questions about your child's learning.

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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.

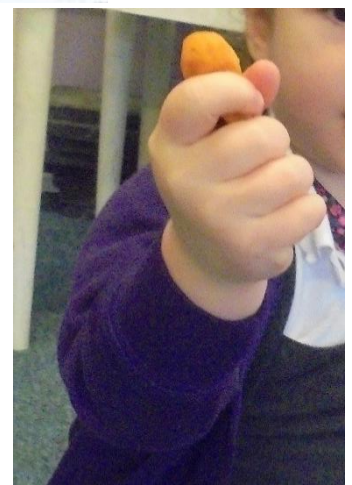
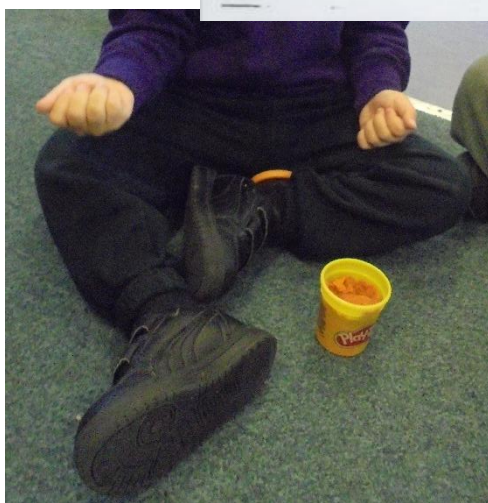
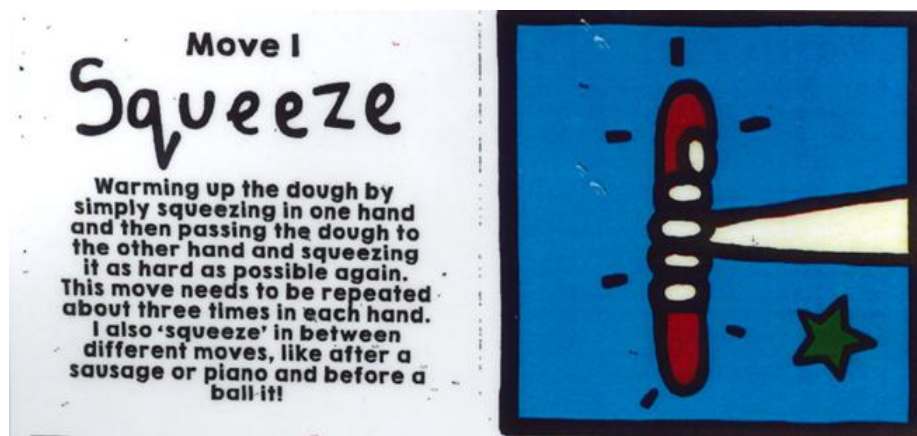


Dough Disco



Maybe you can make some playdough.

Can you practise these moves at home?





Move 2

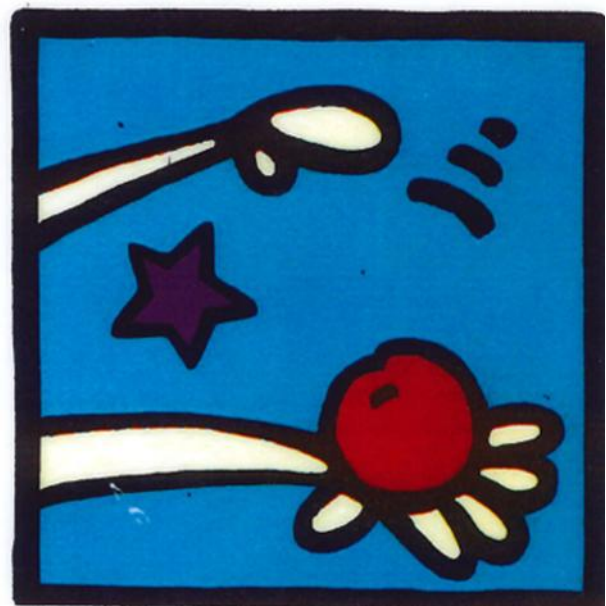
Ball it!

Place the Disco Dough between your two palms and roll it! Keep going till your dough forms a ball shape. In winter call it a snowball, in summer a beach ball...! The ball comes before we 'smack it' - move three. It is also essential before we dive our fingers in. The ball is essential for palm awareness.

Move 3

Smack it!

Take the 'ball' move 2 and flatten it with the other hand. Swap hands so both sides of the dough pancake get flattened. This gives you a dance floor in which the fingers can take turns at dancing on!



Move 4

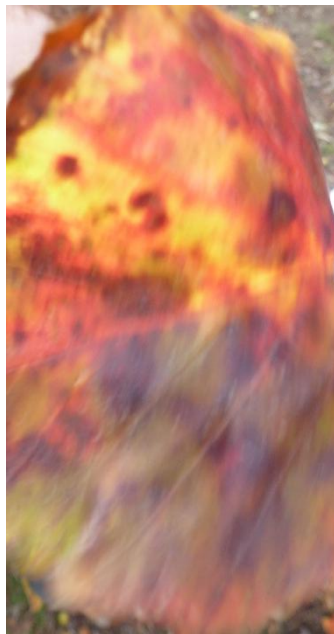
Single Fingers

Take each finger in turn and dance on the flattened Disco Dough dance floor. Call them the correct names! 'Go Tommy Thumb!' 'Go Peter Pointer!' 'Go Toby Tall' 'Ruby Ring do your thing!' 'Baby Small he's the best groover of all!' Change hands and then let the other fingers go to the Dough Disco, don't forget their names as well. Saying the names helps young children gain more awareness over their fingers. A friend of mine's daughter loved Dough Disco and even when she fell and hurt her fingers she'd say 'I've hurt Toby and Peter!'.

What do you notice about these leaves?

What colours can you see?

Why are they changing?



Can you roll a ball in paint?

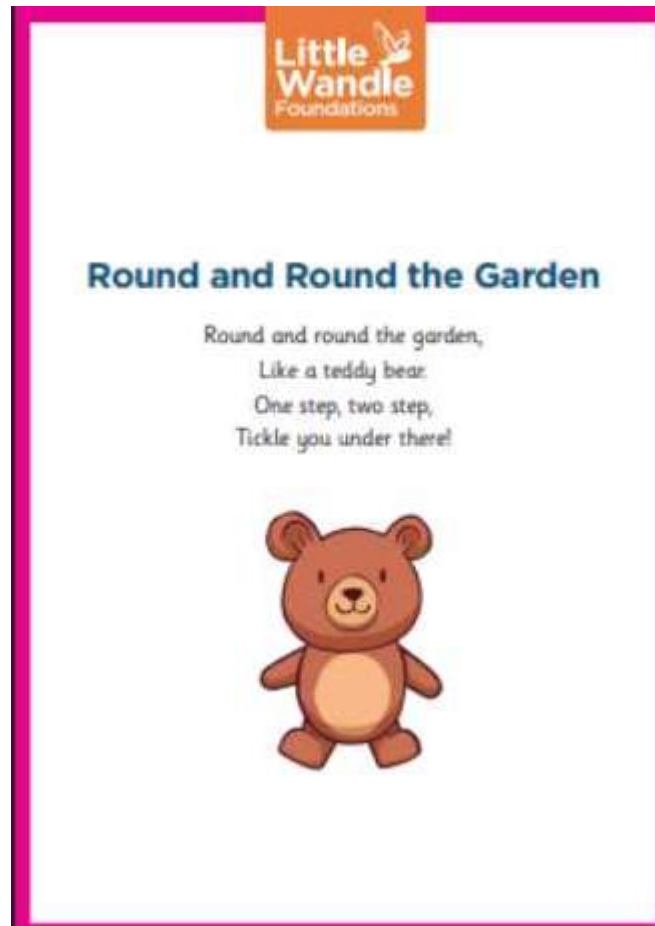
What lines can you make?

Can you mix some colours?



Dip and Do

- Can you practise the Dough Disco moves that we have learnt, Squeeze, Ball it, Smack it and Single Fingers?
- Can you sing 'Round and round the garden?'
- Can you go on a walk to see if you can spot any signs of Autumn? Maybe you can collect some Autumn leaves, conkers or pine cones for us to look at in Nursery.
- Can you draw round circle shapes?
- Can you name some of your new friends?
- Can you play a turn taking game?
- Can you practise putting your coat and welly boots on?



Upcoming Dates

Thursday 22nd October last day of Nursery

Friday 23rd October INSET Day, School is closed to children

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October, Half Term Holiday, School is closed to all children

You may book your child into Willow Holiday Club please see School Gateway for details.

Monday 2nd November, Children return to Nursery



Nursery Parent/Carer Events 2026-27

September

Settling Sessions

October

Welcome to Nursery
Coffee morning/afternoon
Thursday 8th
8:30-9:15am/
2:45-3:15pm
Copper Class (meet at
Nursery Gate)

November

Early Birds: Rhyming
Activities: World Nursery
Rhyme Week
Thursday 12th
8:30-9:15am/2:30-3:15pm
Nursery

December

EYFS Nativity
Wednesday 16th
9:30-10:30am
Thursday 17th
2:15-3:15 pm

January

Phonics Workshop
Thursday 14th
8:30-9:15am/
2:45-3:15pm
Copper Class (meet at
Nursery Gate)

February

Early Birds: Fine Motor
Activities
Friday 5th
8:30-9:15am/2:30-3:15pm
Nursery

March

Live 'Squiggle while you
Wiggle' (handwriting)
Tuesday 16th
11:10-11:30am/2:30-
3:15pm
Nursery

April

Maths Workshop
Thursday 22nd
8:30-9:15am/
2:45-3:15pm
Copper Class (meet at
Nursery Gate)

May

Live Phonics Session
Tuesday 25th
11:10-11:30am/2:30-
3:15pm
Nursery

June

Live Maths Meeting
Friday 25th
11:10-11:30am/2:30-
3:15pm
Nursery

July

Early Birds: Summer Holiday Activities
Wednesday 7th
8:30-9:15am/2:30-3:15pm
Nursery

Nursery End of Year Celebration
Tuesday 20th
10:00-11:00am in Hall
Nursery Family Picnic
11:00am-12:30pm

August

SUMMER
HOLIDAYS

Apply for your child's Primary School Space

Children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 are due to start primary school in September 2027.

Applications open on 1 September 2026 and close on 15 January 2027.

National offer day will be on 16 April 2027.

If you are Sutton resident, please use the website below:

<https://www.sutton.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-start-primary-school/primary-and-infant-schools-sutton>

Please remember that attending Dorchester Primary School Nursery does not automatically mean that your child will get a space in the school, you do still need to apply.

We hope that all of our children will remain with us for their primary school journey but we understand that this is a very important decision to make as a family. If you would like to view the rest of the school before making your application, please come along to one of our open events.

Register for an Open Event

Open Events will include a presentation from the headteacher and members of the leadership team, and a tour of the school to see our wonderful learning environment. Please register below to attend one of our Open Events.

Wednesday 4th Nov - 9.30am - 11:00am

Thursday 26th Nov - 7pm - 8:15pm

Friday 11th Dec - 9.30am - 11:00am

<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/form/?pid=21&form=16>

Please use this QR code to join the Nursery WhatsApp group which is managed by our Nursery Class Rep
Marta (Ottile's Mum)

