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Nursery Peek at the Week

Weekly News

Over the autumn and winter period, there are lots of celebrations that use lights as part of their celebration, for example, Diwali, bonfire night, Lunar new year and Christmas. If you celebrate any of these celebrations, we would love to see photographs so that the children talk about their real-life experiences. 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 the light celebrations have some similarities to them. We have started looking at this book this week.

In Nursery this week we have begun to learn about Diwali which is the festival of light. The children enjoyed finding out about different ways that Diwali can be celebrated. We will continue to find out more about this festival over the next couple of weeks. The children have been talking about some of the fireworks that they have seen and we have been experimenting to try and make different 'safe' fireworks in the nursery garden.

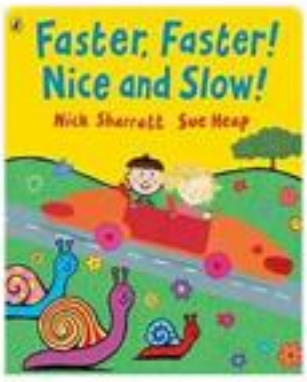
We have also learnt our first letter sound for phonics this week and enjoyed taking Bertha the bus to the zoo to find lots of different animals beginning with the s phoneme.

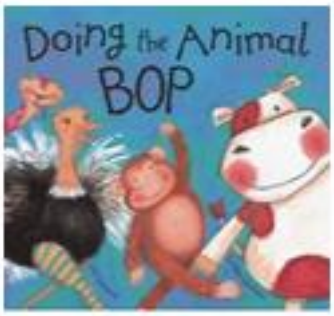
aglover13@suttonmail.org -Annabel Glover-Nursery Class Teacher, EYFS lead and Phonics Lead

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 learnt our last 3 a day stories really well. These are our new 3 a day stories:

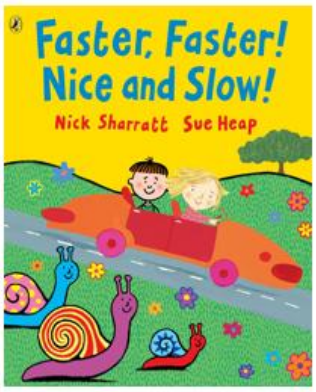


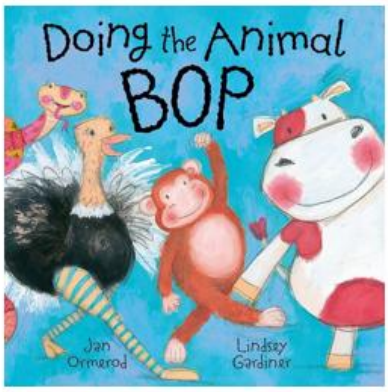


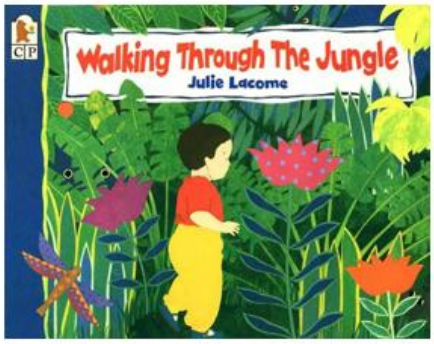


Please see the key vocabulary that we will be focusing on for these books. Can you try to use these words correctly at home?

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Above
Below
Bumpy
Flat
Heavy
Light
Near
Far away

Heels
Bounce
Slither
Wiggle
Stomp
Groan
Chew

Creeping
Leaping
Swinging
Wading

Squiggle while you Wiggle

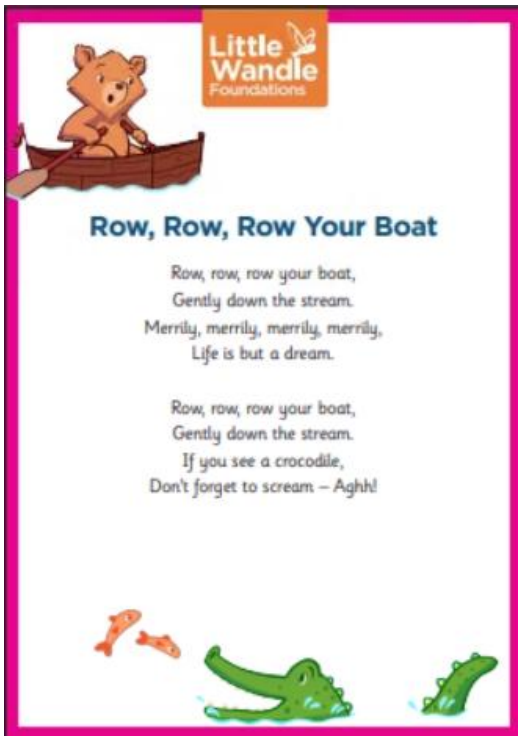
We have learnt the side-to-side movement this week.

Side to side





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Look at our fireworks, we experimented using a balloon to blow the leaves out of our 'firework.'





Phonics

What animals can you think of beginning with 's'?

Can you find objects beginning with 's'?

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Dip and Do

- Can you sing 'Row, row, row your boat?'
- Can you draw the squiggle up and down and side to side moves?
- Can you find objects beginning with the 's' phoneme sound (we would love to see photos)?
- Can you learn your rhyme to recite for dress up day on Friday?
- Whilst we do not recommend screen time, you may wish to watch the video about Diwali and how it is celebrated. Can you talk about different ways that Diwali is celebrated? https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-diwali

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 12th November, Rhyme Early birds 8:30 am or 2:30pm
Parent/carers to join us and participate in some fun rhyming activities. If joining for the afternoon session, please come to the Nursery gate and we will come to greet you at 2:30pm.

Nursery Rhyme Dress up Day - Friday 13th November Children to come to school dressed as their favourite Nursery Rhyme character. Please try to help your child to learn the rhyme as we will be encouraging them to recite their rhymes.

Individual (and siblings within school) Photos - Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November

DORCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Healthy snacks and balanced lunchboxes



Healthy eating helps children feel well, concentrate and have energy for their school day.

Break-time snacks

Please choose fruit or vegetables wherever possible.



Apple · Banana · Easy peeler · Cucumber, carrot or pepper sticks

Please keep these for lunchtime or home:



Biscuits, cakes, crisps, cereal bars and sweet pastries.

If your child needs an alternative, suitable choices include:



Plain bread or pitta · Small sandwich with a savoury filling · A small portion of cheese

Children should have water in their drinks bottles.



Packed lunches

A balanced lunchbox should usually include:

1. **A savoury main** Such as a sandwich, wrap, pasta or rice dish.



2. **Fruit, vegetables or salad**



3. **A yoghurt, cheese or dairy alternative**



4. **Water to drink**



A small treat is welcome as part of a balanced lunch.

Children having school dinners sometimes enjoy a cookie, cake or another pudding, so packed lunches may also include one small biscuit, cookie or piece of cake. Please keep portions small.



If including crisps, please choose a small packet and vary these with other foods across the week.

Please leave these at home:



Sweets, chocolate bars, fizzy drinks and energy drinks.

Allergy safety

All food brought into school must follow our allergy safety arrangements and children must not share food.





Individual needs

We recognise that some children have medical, sensory or other needs that affect what they can eat. Please speak to your child's class teacher if your child needs a different arrangement.

Working together

We will reinforce these messages positively with the children. Any concerns about an individual child's food will be discussed sensitively with parents and carers.



Thank you for helping us make healthy eating an enjoyable part of school life.



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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

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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.

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 (Ottilie's Mum)

