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Nursery Peek at the Week

Weekly News

This week in Nursery, we have been learning all about **Australia** as part of the schools 'Around the World' week. The children were all very excited when we boarded an aeroplane and flew over the sea (using video clips to show what this looks like) and the children who had flown before enjoyed talking about what they saw and felt. We then landed in Australia and the children enjoyed visiting some of the famous landmarks. We listened to some opera at the **Sydney Opera House**, we saw lots of fish at the **Great Barrier reef**, we travelled along **Sydney Harbour Bridge** and we saw **Uluru**.

We also read a story called **'Somewhere in Australia'** by Marcello Pennacchio. This story helped us to learn about lots of different animals that live in Australia including a **dingo, platypus, koala, kangaroo, kookaburra, Tasmanian devil, adder, thorny devil lizard, emu, tree frog and a red-back spider.**

We have done lots of artwork making Australian flags, painting animals, printing circles to make aboriginal art, building the Sydney harbour bridge and using paper mâché to make Uluru. The children have learnt lots of facts about the country, and we are all really proud of them. Please show your child the pictures below and see if they can tell you what they have learnt. Please don't forget that if you come to school on Monday at 3:15pm you can take your child to visit 'different countries' as you see what country each class has been learning about.

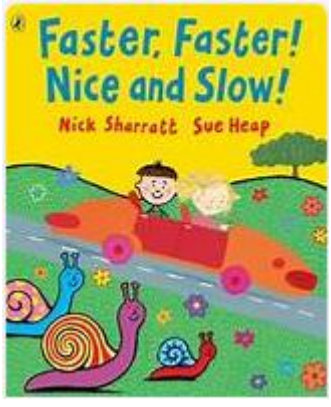
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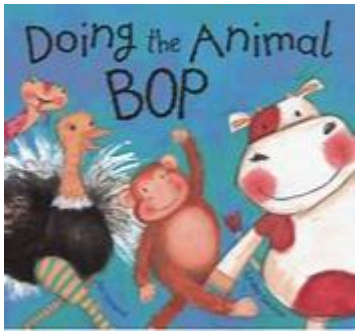
REMEMBER No question or concern is too small, I would rather you email me than worry about something!



Our 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:

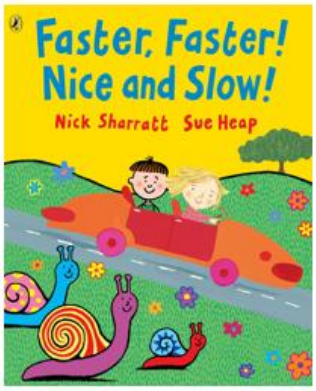




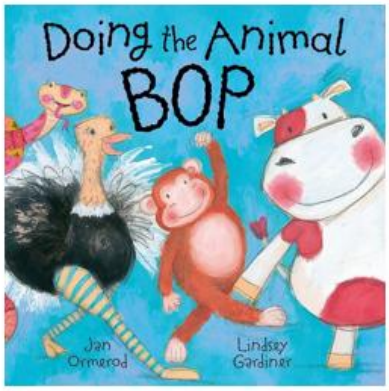


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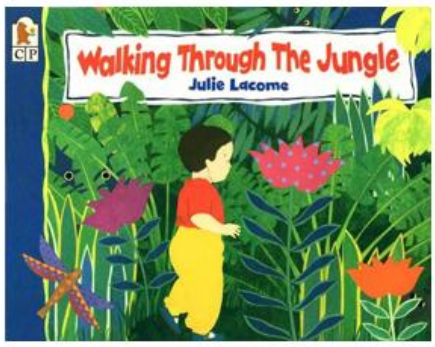
Please see the key vocabulary that we will be focusing on for these books. Can you try to use these words correctly at home?



Above
Below
Bumpy
Flat
Heavy
Light
Near
Far away



Heels
Bounce
Slither
Wiggle
Stomp
Groan
Chew



Creeping
Leaping
Swinging
Wading

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Dip and Do: Home Learning:

- What Australian animals can you remember?
- Can you draw an Australian animal?
- What country do we live in?
- Is Australia near to or far away from England?
- Can you name some Australian landmarks?





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Platypus



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kangaroo



Koala



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Echidna





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The children have been developing their fine motor skills using cotton buds to make aboriginal art.



We, un-popped popcorn, matchsticks and cotton buds to make rain sticks.







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We have used paper mâché to make Uluru.









We have painted some fantastic Australian animals.





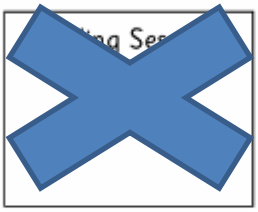
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Come and see more of what we have made on Monday for 'Around the World Day!

Nursery Parent/Carer Events 2026-27

September



October

Welcome to Nursery
Class (meet at Nursery Gate)

November

Early Birds: Rhyming
Thurs
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)



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Important Dates

Around the World Event - Monday 23rd December 3:30pm - to 4pm - visit classes around the school and see which country each class has been learning about.

FODS Christmas Fair - **Saturday 5th December 12:00pm-3:00pm**

Reindeer Visit - Friday 4th December, the children will get to meet some reindeers in their usual nursery session

EYFS Nativity (In the Main Hall)-

Wednesday 16th December- 9:30am-10:30am

(For full time and morning nursery)

Thursday 17th December- 2:15pm-3:15pm

(For full time and afternoon nursery)

Last Day Autumn 2 – **Thursday 17th December**