

Nursery Peek at the Week

Weekly News

There is lots of information in this week's peek so please settle down with a cup of tea or coffee (or any drink of choice) before you begin!

We would like to say a very big welcome to all of our new families who have joined us at Dorchester Nursery. The new children are settling very well and adjusting well to the new routines. New parents/carers please try to introduce yourselves to Naz (Derin's mum) she is our Class rep and can help you with any questions you may have or if you would like to get to know other Nursery parents. Derin is Naz's second child at Dorchester Nursery so Naz is very knowledgeable. She can also let you know all about Friends of Dorchester Primary School (FODs) which is our school PTA.

The other children have all re-settled back into nursery life but have also had to get used to a change of routine. With more children joining us in January we have been able to get an extra member of staff and this has enabled us to make full use of our additional classroom (Copper Class). We are mainly using this room as our 'Carpet kingdom.' This is where the children visit for their carpet sessions and focus work within their key worker groups. This has provided the children with a quieter space where they are not distracted by the learning of other groups. Carol, Munaza, Jennie, Julia and I are taking it in turns to teach the groups in this room. This enables us all to have an oversight of every child's learning and development.

The children also have two carpet sessions each day with their key worker. A 'welcome time' at the beginning of each session and a story time at the end of the session.

Key Worker Information



I am the key worker for Amber group and Amber bear is our group mascot. Amber group are now using Copper 'carpet kingdom' as our key Worker base. The children in Amber group are encouraged to start their day in Copper class, ready for key worker time. However, some of the children may choose to stay in the main nursery with their friends from other key worker groups and that is OK. They will join us in Copper Class as soon as we start our welcome session. When I am out of class on Thursday and Friday mornings, Julia does the welcome session for Amber group.



Munaza is the key worker for Millie group and their mascot is Millie bear. They meet in the construction area for their key worker sessions. When Munaza is out of class on a Thursday morning, Jennie does their key worker sessions.



Carol is the key worker for Casper group and their mascot is Casper bear. They meet on the carpet of the main nursery for their key worker sessions.



If your child has just joined us and they are due to stay in nursery for five terms (they will not start Reception until September 2025) then they will be in Ollie group. We are currently looking to recruit a permanent person to be their key worker but want to ensure that we recruit the best person for the job. We will of course inform you as soon as this position has been filled. Ashi is currently fulfilling the role as their key worker and has been doing a wonderful job of helping these children to settle. Ollie the orang-utan is the mascot for Ollie group. They meet on the carpet just outside of Copper class for their key worker sessions. If your child is a five-termer who attends for 30 hours they will also have Munaza or myself as their keyworker in the afternoon.

Children who are attending for five terms will obviously be following a slightly different curriculum to the children who are due to start reception in September, for example, you will see that their 3 a-day stories are stories that the other children have already learnt.

If you are unsure who your child's key worker is then please email me or speak to a member of the nursery staff. From next week, the group mascots (teddies) will be visiting your houses. If it is your child's turn to have a visit from their key worker mascot please do not feel pressurised to go on any special adventures. All that we ask is that you send a couple of photographs of what you have done at the weekend. These will be used to support your child to talk about their weekend with the rest of their key worker group.

In Nursery, we are also lucky to have Sarah who is our lunchtime supervisor. She joins us at the end of the morning session, helps the children at lunchtime and supports during the beginning of the afternoon session. Sarah is also the manager of Willow club (our breakfast and after school club).



If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email me or Munaza using the email addresses below:

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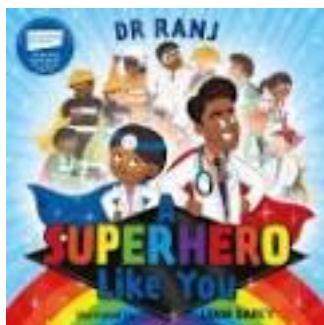
If your child is due to start Reception this September, (children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 are due to start primary school in September 2024.) then you should have completed your online application with the council. The closing date was Monday 15th January 2024. Children who attend our Nursery do not get automatic admission to our reception classes as the council manages the admissions for Reception places. If you have not yet submitted an application please do so ASAP; this will now be seen as a late admission. For any guidance please see the government website using the link below:

<https://www.sutton.gov.uk/w/applying-to-start-primary-school-1>

National offer day will be on 16 April 2024.

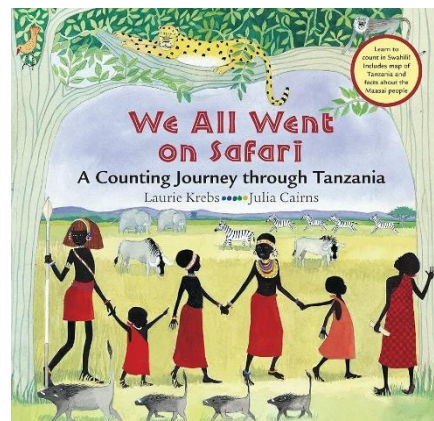
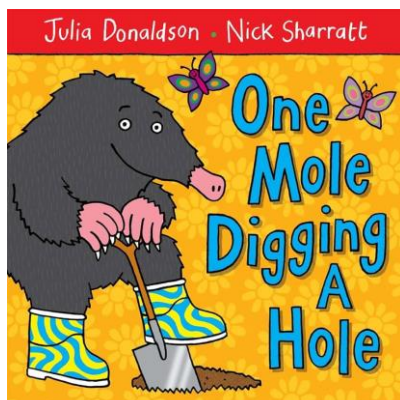
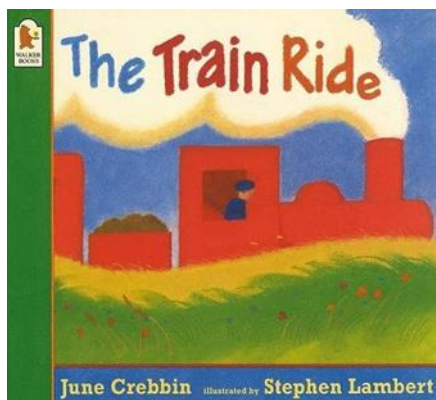
This week's learning

In Nursery this week we have been reading the story 'A Superhero like you' by Dr.Ranj.

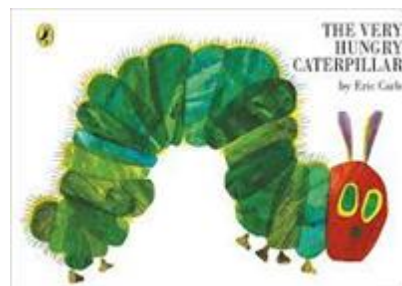
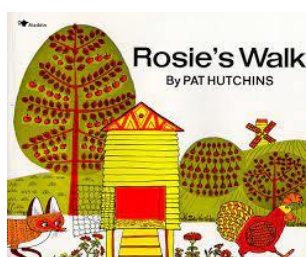
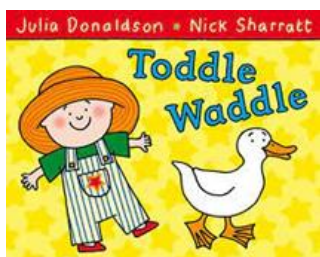


In this story a little girl called Lily tells her mum that she wants to be a superhero when she grows up. However, Lily doesn't want to be a superhero who wears her pants outside her clothes' she wants to be a real superhero who helps people. We have been using this book to think about different jobs that people do to help others. We have been learning about firefighters, police officers, teachers, carers, recycling truck drivers and scientists. Can you think of other jobs that people do to help people?

3-a-day Stories for Amber, Casper and Millie group children: The children have learnt our last 3 a day stories really well. These are our new 3 a day stories for this half term:



3-a-day Stories for Ollie group children: 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.



Dip and Do

These are some ideas of things that you may like to do to support your child's learning at home.

- Can you draw a picture and talk about what you would like to be when you grow up?
- Can you find things in your home beginning with the p sound? We would love to see photographs of them.
- Can you write the first letter of your name? You don't have to write in on paper, you could write it with your finger in flour or sugar or maybe you could paint it outside with water and a paintbrush. (We know some of you are doing really well at trying to write all of your name, Well done!)

We would love for the children to have the opportunity to hear about different jobs that people do. If you or any family members would like to come and talk about your job (in a child friendly way) please email me and we can arrange a convenient time.

What have we been learning Nursery?

Please show your child these pictures and encourage them to talk about them.



We have been making 'fire' using shaving foam and food colouring. We have then been developing our finger muscles, using syringes to spray water to put the fire out. We have talked a lot about different things that fire fighters do.





We have also enjoyed exploring the ice this week.



Important Dates

Thursday 25th January 8:30-9:15am and 2:30-3:15pm: Early Birds-Fine Motor Activities. Please come to join your child and learn some activities so support fine motor development.

Superhero Day: Wednesday 7th February. To celebrate our learning about superheroes and different jobs, children may come to Nursery dressed as a superhero or a 'real life superhero' e.g. a doctor, nurse, fire fighter etc.

Last day of half term: 9th February Finish usual times.

First day back to school: Monday 19th February

