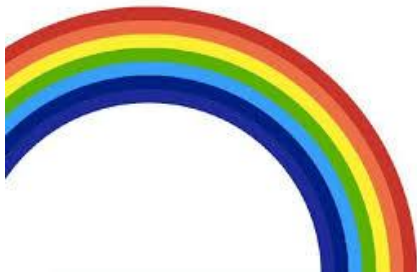




Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy return to Nursery! We hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children were very keen to share with their friends at carpet time all the wonderful things that they had got up to!

Rainbow Challenges



This week we have introduced the children to nursery Rainbow Challenges. Designed to develop independence skills amongst many others, the children are set various challenges, which if completed independently earns them a different coloured lolly stick. If each challenge is completed by the end of the week, each child will be given a special Rainbow Challenge certificate. This week's challenge has included a creative project for Daddies/Grandad's/other special man in their life. Please

check your child's book bag! Each week the number of challenges will increase, to help children focus on specific tasks and grow further in independence, ready for the transition to Reception in September.

Sounds of the week



Down a horn, up a horn and under the yak's head



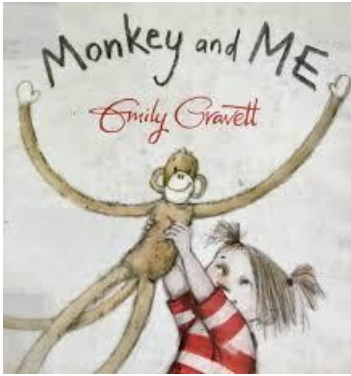
Down up, down up



New sounds the children learnt this week were 'y' 'w' and 'x' When practising how to write the letters, we used the phrase "Down a horn, up a horn and under the yak's head" for 'y' For 'w' we used the phrase "Down up, down, up." For 'x' we used the phrase "Down the arm and leg and repeat the other side". We talked about things that begin

with those sounds and went back over some of the early sounds we have covered.

Book of the week



Our story of the week was 'Monkey and Me' by Emily Gravett. The story has a lovely repetitive pattern that the children enjoyed joining in with and adding their own animal ideas to. The following link takes you to a retelling of the story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNi3brFCQjo>

We enjoyed singing monkey-themed songs such as 5 little monkeys jumping on the bed and 5 little monkeys swinging in a tree. The children were encouraged to use their correct number-fingers to represent the numbers in the song.

How high can you jump?



We launched our new topic of 'How high can you jump?' The children came up with some great ideas of what they already knew about:- ways to keep healthy, different types of exercise and sports they know of. Our Learning power 'Healthy Henry' was very impressed with all their ideas! Over the coming weeks, the children will be working up to having a sports day where they will get a chance to take part in various physical activities including simple races. If your child takes part in any kind of exercise outside nursery, please do let us know, we would love to talk to them about what they do and share their expertise with the other children!

Coat and suncream reminder.



The joys of Manchester weather! One minute the sun is shining the next the temperature has dropped and it is raining!

With this in mind please can you send your child into nursery everyday with a coat/waterproof jacket.

Also as the weather hopefully gets warmer and sunnier please check the weather forecast incase you need to apply suncream ready for the morning nursery session. If your child is staying all day and it is sunny then we apply suncream at lunchtime.



Thank you for your continued support.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

From The Nursery Team

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