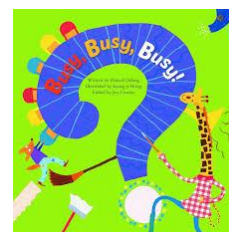




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Nursery Newsletter 22nd May 2025

All About Patterns.

We started off the week by reading *Busy, Busy, Busy!* Written by Haneul Ddang. This is lovely story about very busy animals in the forest making beautiful, repeated patterns with fruits and flowers, sounds and colours. Inspired by the story, the children noticed patterns in the classroom and in the garden. "Look! Boy, girl, boy, girl!" "Mrs Mason! It's a pattern. Leaf, petal, leaf, petal." Once we started noticing patterns we couldn't stop seeing them.



Maybe you and your child would like to continue this at home by making up fruit kebabs. Have fun.



Positional language.

In recent weeks, we have been exploring positional language to help children understand and describe where objects are in relation to one another. Through fun and engaging play activities, the children have been learning and using words such as on, under, in front, behind, inside, and outside. These experiences support their language development and spatial awareness, which are important foundations for early learning in math and communication.

Maybe you could reinforce this learning at home by using some of the ideas below:

Play 'I Spy' with your child but instead of using initial sounds use positional vocabulary. For example, say "I spy something that is under the bed" or "I spy something that is behind the chair"



Play 'Hide and Seek' with a selection of toys. Hide the toys around the house. Your child can ask you questions to help them find the toys. Use positional words to describe where you have hidden the toys e.g. It is underneath... It is next to ...



On your journey to nursery, or when out for a walk at the weekend, discuss the route you take with your child e.g. 'We're going to go past the big tree next to the park.' or 'Let's walk along the path behind the shops.'



Forest Friday

Last week in Forest School, we discovered some *magic seeds* left by the forest fairies! This week, we planted them to see what might grow. The fairies left us a clue that the seeds could become sunflowers, so we spent time exploring what sunflowers look like and learning about their life cycle. We also enjoyed getting creative by making beautiful sunflower collage pictures.

What a magical and inspiring time we have had in the forest!



Library Books Reminder.

We are currently running low on books in our Nursery library as many have not yet been returned. We kindly ask that you take a moment over the half-term holiday to check at home for any Nursery library books. Please return any books you find to us after the break so that all children can continue to enjoy a wide variety of stories and reading materials. Thank you for your support!

Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd May - Last day of half term.

Friday 23rd May - Teacher training day.

Monday 2nd June - Return to school.

W/C Monday 9th June - Father's Day gift shop.

Friday 4th July - Summer Fair.

Tuesday, 17th June - Sports Day NAM 9.15am and NPM 2pm.

Tuesday, 1st July - Meet the Teacher Reception 4.30pm.

Wednesday 16th July - Nursery Garden Party.

Morning Nursery Garden Party 10.15 - 11.15

Afternoon Nursery Garden Party 2 - 3

More details to follow.

Have a super half-term holiday.

The Nursery Team