



The week began with a **dance and movement session all about opposites**, explored through a **springtime theme**. This unit focuses on the arrival of spring and rabbits enjoying the spring sunshine. Throughout the sessions, the children work mainly with a partner, developing their ability to share space and respond to one another's movements.

There is a strong emphasis on children **creating their own movements**, experimenting with contrasting actions linked to opposites, and then incorporating these ideas into a **final dance sequence**.

It was very apparent how much the children's **listening and attention skills have improved** over the last two terms, and their **cooperation and teamwork were admirable** throughout the session.



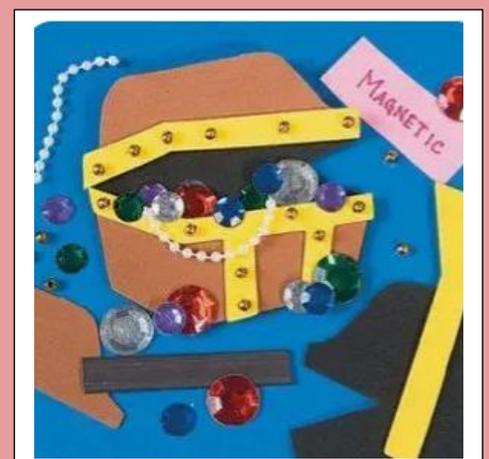
At home try a 'Bunny Hop Dance'

A playful way to explore jumping and rhythm.

How to do it:

- Pretend to be rabbits hopping through the spring grass.
- Try **big hops vs. tiny hops** (opposites!).
- Add stopping to "sniff the flowers" or wiggling your nose.

On a **scientific theme**, and following the children's interest in treasure maps, we have provided pirate treasure alongside magnets. The children have been exploring and investigating the **fake (non-magnetic)** and **real (magnetic)** treasure items, experimenting with which objects the magnets attract and which they do not. This has encouraged lots of curiosity, prediction, and discussion as they test out their ideas.



We have expanded the children's opportunities to explore **colour** by providing tissue paper in a range of shades along with a butterfly template. This has given adults the chance to discuss and teach **basic symmetry**, as well as support children in learning how to use **PVA glue techniques** effectively.



You may wish to **further this at home** by exploring colour and symmetry in simple, creative ways. Children could decorate their own butterfly outlines using coloured tissue, crayons or paint, fold pictures in half to create symmetrical prints, or practise gluing skills by making small collages with different textures and materials. These activities help strengthen fine motor skills while reinforcing the ideas introduced in class.

Important Diary Dates and Information

Our weekly newsletters play a vital role in keeping you informed about what your child has been learning throughout the week. Please support their development by adding to our display wall using the **journal format provided**. Your contributions help us celebrate the children's learning and make those home-school connections even stronger.

Parent's Progress Meetings - Monday 30th March - Wednesday 1st April

Please await an email to book an appointment electronically.

Break for Easter - Thursday 2nd April

Return to school - Monday 20th April



Have a wonderful weekend

Take care,
The Nursery Team 😊

