



Shape-tastic! How can I support at home?

This week we have been learning about the **properties of 2D shapes**. Here are some fun ideas to help extend and reinforce this learning at home:

Play "Guess the Shape!"

Describe a shape and ask your child to guess what it is.

For example:

- "I am thinking of a shape that has one curved side."
- "I am thinking of a shape with 3 pointy corners."



If your child finds it tricky, you could show them pictures of shapes to help them visualise.

Go on a Shape Hunt

While walking to nursery, the park, or around your home, look for shapes together!

Encourage your child to spot:

- Circles
- Triangles
- Squares
- Rectangles



You might find shapes in road signs, windows, pavements, or playground equipment.

Get Creative!

Cut coloured paper into different shapes such as circles, triangles, rectangles and squares.

Encourage your child to use them to create pictures like:

- A rocket 🚀
- A train 🚂
- A flower 🌸
- A butterfly 🦋



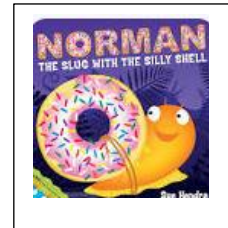
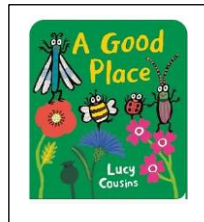
Talk about the shapes they have used. You can stick them down or mix them up and create new pictures again!

Story Time to Support Mini Beasts

We have also enjoyed a range of **minibeast stories** this week, including:

- *Norman Finds a Shell*
- *A Good Place* by Lucy Cousins
- *The Crunching Munching Caterpillar*

You could revisit these stories at home or talk about your child's favourite parts to support their understanding and language development.



Important Diary Dates and Information

We would like to reassure parents and carers following recent national reports regarding the potential presence of asbestos in certain brands of play sand.

We can confirm that the specific brand of sand used at our school is **not** among those currently named in the national recall. However, the safety and wellbeing of our children remain our absolute priority.

As part of our 'safety first' approach, we have taken the precautionary step of temporarily withdrawing all sand play in the nursery. During this time, we are providing a range of alternative natural sensory play experiences to ensure children continue to enjoy engaging and stimulating activities.

We will continue to monitor updates closely and will review this decision in line with further guidance.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

New to Reception Class meeting for parents - Monday 29th June



Have a Nice Weekend
Take care,
The Nursery Team 😊

