



This Week in Nursery

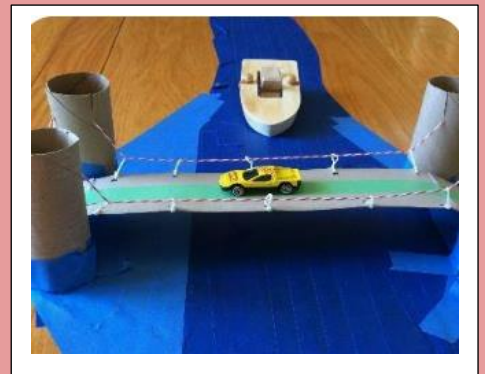
This week, we have been revisiting **3D shapes**, learning to identify them and use the correct mathematical language to describe them. The children have explored the features of different shapes and have been comparing them to find out what makes them the same and what makes them different.

We have also been investigating which 3D shapes are the best for building bridges and other structures. The children enjoyed testing different shapes, sharing their ideas, and discussing why some shapes are stronger and more stable than others. It has been wonderful to see their problem-solving skills, teamwork, and curiosity develop through these activities.

Why not become a family of engineers and builders at home?

Using empty **boxes, cartons, tubes and containers**, challenge your child to build a **bridge, tower, castle or house**. Before you start, talk about the 3D shapes you can find:

- **Cube** - cereal or small gift boxes
- **Cuboid** - shoe boxes and tissue boxes
- **Cylinder** - kitchen roll tubes
- **Sphere** - balls or oranges
- **Cone** - party hats or rolled card



As you build, encourage your child to think about:

- Which shapes stack well?
- Which shapes are strong and stable?
- Which shapes roll?
- Which shapes are best for supporting a bridge?

Ask questions such as:

- *What shape is this?*
- *How many flat faces can you see?*
- *Why do you think this shape is good for building?*
- *What happens if we use a cylinder instead of a cube?*



Children could even decorate their creation and bring in a photograph.

School Readiness Top Tips

Wet suits, Wellies and backpacks can be collected after the picnic and taken home for the summer.

As your child gets ready for Reception, encourage them to practise **putting on and taking off their wetsuit and wellies independently**. This helps to build confidence, resilience and self-help skills, which are all important for starting school.

Try:

- Giving your child plenty of time to have a go by themselves.
- Encouraging them to pull up zips and fastenings independently.
- Practising putting wellies on the correct feet.
- Praising their efforts, even when they find it tricky.

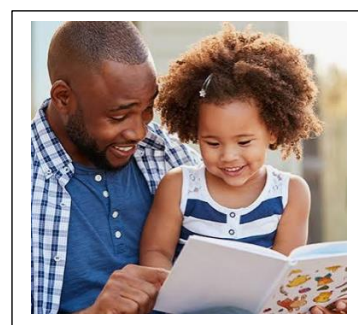
Remember, independence grows with practice! A few minutes each week can make a big difference and help your child feel ready for their exciting move to Reception.

We hope you enjoyed our **Booknic this Friday 10th July** - It was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy stories together and celebrate a love of reading.

Remember you can support at home over the Summer by;

helping your child get the most out of this experience by encouraging a love of reading at home in simple, enjoyable ways:

- **Read together regularly**
Just 10-15 minutes a day makes a big difference.
- **Let your child choose books**
Giving them choice helps build enthusiasm and confidence.
- **Talk about stories**
Ask questions like:
 - *What was your favourite part?*
 - *How did the character feel?*
 - *What do you think will happen next?*
- **Make reading fun**
Use different voices, act out scenes, or draw favourite characters.
- **Re-read favourite books**
This helps build understanding, fluency, and confidence.
- **Visit the library**
Exploring new books keeps reading exciting.
- **Model reading**
Let your child see you reading—it shows that reading is valuable and enjoyable.



Important Diary Dates and Information

End of Term and Teddy Bears Picnic Day - Thursday 16th July

Nursery sessions will run as normal and parents are invited to stay and play later in each of the morning or afternoon sessions. Not both.

Morning only children - parents arrive at the back gate at 10.30 for a stay and play outdoors with us and a small picnic and story.

Afternoon only children- parents arrive at the back gate at 2.00 for a stay and play outdoors with us and a small picnic and story.

Full time children's parents' attendance on Thursday 16th July has been allocated according to your request on the google form sent out last week.

End of Term - Thursday 16th July

Part time Reception induction days begin- Wednesday 2nd September 2026



Have a Nice Weekend
Take care,
The Nursery Team 😊