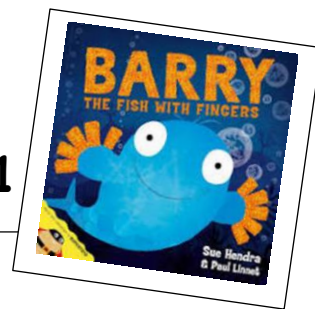




Southridge First School

Nursery Newsletter 14th May 2021



On Monday we read 'Barry the Fish with Fingers'.

Fish come from all over the ocean to see Puffy the Puffer Fish's amazing bubbles. Big bubbles, small bubbles, square bubbles . . . they've never seen anything quite so amazing!

*That is until **Barry** arrives on the scene. Barry is a fish with **fingers** and he's going to put them to good use. The fish are amazed. Life under the sea will never be the same again . .*

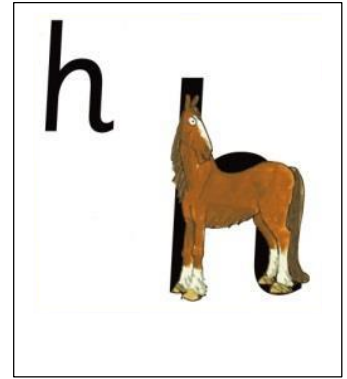
This story got us talking about our special talents. The children talked about being good at climbing, cycling, gardening, exercising and many other things. Some children described their talent as being kind and we couldn't agree more! The story also inspired us to blow bubbles like Puffy the Puffer fish and try lots of finger strengthening activities such as using clay. We hope you might try some bubble blowing at home or talk about special talents a little more.

In Nursery the children have name cards which they use to practise tracing or copying their name. They know exactly where to find them and can easily identify their own name card as they have their photograph in the corner. This week we have been playing with our names. We've been working on recognising our own name (without the photograph) and trying to spot our friend's name by using clues such as listening carefully to the sound it begins with. When we found our friend's name we made a certificate for them and posted them in the post box.



We have been conducting some mini class surveys, such as to find out 'How many children in morning nursery like bananas?' We asked each child in turn, recorded their responses and then added up the total. A lovely chance to count aloud and talk about numbers. We have also been exploring pictures like this one on the left, which show different ways to make 10.

In phonics we have been learning about the phoneme /h/ and the sound it makes in words like horse, head, headphones and happy. It is a short, bouncy sound and is very quiet because it only uses your breath to make it. We use the picture to help us remember this sound and the formation rhyme to help us write it: down his head to his hooves and over his back.



Other popular activities in Nursery this week have been making 'under the sea' story books, and making boats and submarines in the construction area. We also played 'pop the bubble' by dipping the big hoops in the bubble mixture then trying to pop the bubbles by throwing beanbags through them. It was great fun!

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 27th May - Break up for half term

Friday 28th May - Teacher training day (School closed)

Monday 7th June - School reopens for all pupils.

Many thanks for all the emails this week. Please continue to send anything for your child's learning journey to laura.heads@ntlp.org.uk and helen.mason@ntlp.org.uk

Have a super weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday. The Nursery Team