

Friday 21st May 2021

At the beginning of the week we found out how the festival of "Eid" is celebrated. Some of our children who celebrate Eid told us how they had celebrated at home with their family. They received presents and ate special food. We loved looking at the beautiful méhndi drawn on their hands.

Continuing with Read Write Inc we revise daily all letter sounds in Set 1 alongside

the picture cards which go with them. Writing "s" "slither down the snake", "d" "round his bottom, up his tall neck, down to his feet", "t" "down the tower, across the river", "i" "down the body, dot the head" If you write the letter yourself on a big piece of paper as big as you can so the letter fills the page then say the phrase as your child traces over it with their finger or with a pencil.

Alliteration has been a focus also this week where children have had to match pictures with their initial letter sound. Playing I Spy will support this, even on the way home from Nursery, talking about what you pass, " c c c cars", "shhhhhops", "g g g grass" and so on.

In Maths alongside number and counting activities we have been using language linked to "measure", "short, shorter, shortest, long, longer, longest, tall, taller, tallest". We made caterpillars by printing circles and discussing which was the longest and so on. When children were building in the construction areas staff ensured they were using this vocabulary.

On Wednesday whilst some children were out on the minibus visiting the local park the children who stayed in Nursery made cakes. This was a group activity which involved turn taking and waiting which are valuable skills for young children. As part of the EYFS curriculum the children need to be aware of "change" in many different ways. Seeing how the ingredients alter as they are mixed together then the massive change once they have been baked in the oven are activities which supports this learning objective.

Many thanks to those who reply to the 2BuildaProfile emails especially when photographs are attached. One little boy has been planting sunflower seeds at home as we have done in Nursery. Ours are growing well and soon will be planted outside.

A reminder that school is closed next Thursday and Friday for staff training.