

Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Another very busy week this week.

On Monday we noticed that the guava and one of the oranges we had bought last week had started to turn "mouldy", the skin had changed colour and the fruit felt very soft and "squishy". We talked about not eating food which had started to "decay" and we will continue to observe the changes through the rest of the week. Comparing this to how plants and flowers change (seeing how the flowers had opened up from the buds on our lily plant and then how the petals fell as the flower died) gives the children a clearer understanding of the key features of the life cycle of a plant. We continue to see change in the plants in our greenhouse and look after them by ensuring they are given water each day.

The shopping list for our visit to Asda, we wrote together included bagels and limes this week. When tasting the fruit, the passion fruit, pineapple and mango proved very popular but not many children would try the avocado and those that did weren't too keen. We are going to try it mashed up with a little lime juice, then spread onto a bagel and see what we think then?

In maths after holding and comparing the fruit, noticing the pineapple was the "heaviest" and the passion fruit felt the "lightest", we used balance scales and kitchen scales to explore further. One little boy noticed how far the dial on the kitchen scales went after placing on the pineapple then tried placing lots of fruit on an identical set of scales to see if the dial would travel further. His reaction after meeting his own challenge was amazing. "Characteristics of effective teaching and learning" are "playing and learning", "active learning" and "creating and thinking critically". So lovely to observe such engagement and all of the characteristics being very definitely met!

We have been learning about why we are having a party next week, finding out that the Platinum Jubilee celebrates Queen Elizabeth becoming the first British Monarch to be on the throne for 70 years. The children have been learning a song, "Happy, Royal Jubilee" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ee-idpwzTxU> and the actions which go alongside. Within "Physical Development" in our curriculum, "increasingly able to use and remember sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music and rhythm", using vocabulary of "follow", "lead" and "copy" is a focus in Nursery.



[Happyland Platinum Jubilee Song, 'Happy Royal Jubilee'](#)

Happy Royal Jubilee is a song written by Pete James to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth 2 which links with the Happyland children's book, 'T...

www.youtube.com

Following a focus on occupations last term we will be visited on Wednesday morning by something we have been waiting to see! I wonder what it is!

A big thank you from Lynda, a speech and language support worker from LanguageBox. Her weekly sessions have been really worthwhile both for nursery staff to observe her working with the children as well as for the benefits the children are gaining.

Read Write Inc sessions continue with r robot, j jack-in-the box, v vulture, y yak, w worm, z zip, q queen, x exercise and sh says the horse to the hissing snake. The pictures are displayed within the environment and the children are doing really well. See the links below which you may like to use at home with your child.

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/YuwqR4Ib/Hzs939ct>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/zihgw7Y9/lmupt97r>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/QcHb6mus/7eF4rW09>

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<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vvcJRIE1/qX93TeuC>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/JOYyg1Ss/oR2rdQds>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/MMb7qOyt/MqxGLEwP>

A reminder that next week on Monday, children can wear their own clothes (no uniform) for party day, Thursday a sports kit can be worn and Friday, clothes in the colours red, white and blue.

Enjoy the rest of your week and please speak to a member of staff concerning any questions you may have about anything at all.

Take care
Mrs Riley