

Nursery Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

A busy week this week as we returned to school after the half-term break.

We had a visit from "Liverpool Harriers" which is an Athletics Club. This is something our P.E. Lead, Miss Quinn had organised for us. They will be working with our Nursery and Reception children each Wednesday afternoon (in the large side-yard) and each Friday morning in the school hall. Fundamental skills they worked on this week included listening and following simple instructions, balancing on one leg, balancing bean bags on our head and walking without it falling off, aiming bean bags into a hoop, jumping and running. The children really had fun whilst "Being Active" and fully engaged in the session even though this was a change to their usual nursery routine.

Using the snack table, children were encouraged to make their own sandwich, a good activity to encourage independence whilst developing hand eye coordination and also encouraged the children to follow simple instructions.

We have been looking closely at our names this week, comparing each other's names and whose name begins with the same letter. Who has a long or short name? We also noticed some letters were made with straight lines (A, E, H, K, L, M, N, T, Y and Z) and some with curves (C) and some had a mixture of both! (D, G, J, R). Some children recognised "M" and said it was "Mummy's" name! Noticing print is a major focus in nursery as we prepare for reading and writing. Notice print when out shopping or by looking at labels on food packets at home, can they spot the first letter in their name maybe. Recognising "M" as the McDonald's logo is something many children are able to do!

Our book focus this week was "Owl Babies" written by Martin Waddell. You can listen to the story with your child on the attached link below.

[Read our online, interactive Owl Babies storybook | BookTrust](#)

The book was chosen as it enabled discussion around feelings and emotions, how did the owls feel when their Mummy had gone? How did they feel when she returned? We also compared size by using a story sack which included objects from the story. Sarah was the biggest, tallest owl, Bill was

the smallest, shortest owl and Percy was the middle-sized owl. Vocabulary introduced included bark, branch, twig, woods, happy, sad, excited and worried.

By lifting a pumpkin we discovered how "heavy" it was. By scoping out the centre we discovered so many seeds inside which we sorted onto plates using vocabulary including, "many", "few", "lots" and "the same".

Many thanks to all who have returned the "Parent Feedback" sheet on how you feel your child is progressing in Nursery. This will be passed on to Mrs Simons the Head Teacher and a copy added to your child's Learning Journey book. Many parents commented on how lovely it is to hear all the nursery rhymes we have been singing in nursery, being sung at home. This week's nursery rhymes included,

I'm a Little Teapot

<https://youtu.be/B6en-O5yF0o>

Row, Row, Row your Boat

<https://youtu.be/rafox-9P3r8>

Enjoy your weekend.

Warmest Wishes.

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