



DORSET DRIVE

NEWS FLASH



February 2025

LOOK WHAT WE HAVE DONE...

Throughout the nursery, we have been focusing our learning on healthy eating. In the Little Lambs' room, the children explored healthy eating through the story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. They tasted fruits from the story and explored the textures and flavours of each one. The children enjoyed listening to our new song *Tiny Caterpillar*, and some were able to join in with the actions. We also had lots of fun learning movement and dance while pretending to be caterpillars.

In the Ducklings' room, we talked about different types of food, linking this to healthy eating and the book *Handa's Surprise*. The children participated in a sensory apple printing activity using coloured shaving foam and apples to create pictures. They also enjoyed cutting activities, where they used small motor skills to cut various fruits and vegetables with child-safe knives, promoting skills to help at mealtimes.

The Ducklings also showed an interest in wild animals, so we read the book *The Loudest Roar*. The children learned the names of different animals and matched them to their sounds during play. They created animal-themed artwork using various resources to create patterns resembling different animals and took part in animal yoga sessions.

In the Farmers' room, the children were excited to learn about healthy eating. At mealtimes, we used our mealtime box to discuss different foods, how they grow, and where they come from. The children enjoyed creating their own fruit bowls using different coloured card and developing their physical skills with scissors. They also loved using orange squeezers to extract juice and tasting the freshly made orange juice.

We've also been teaching the children a Letter of the Week. We created a new display hoop in the room, featuring items beginning with the weekly letter that the children found. They have been practising letter sounds to understand correct pronunciation and writing the letters at the mark-making station.

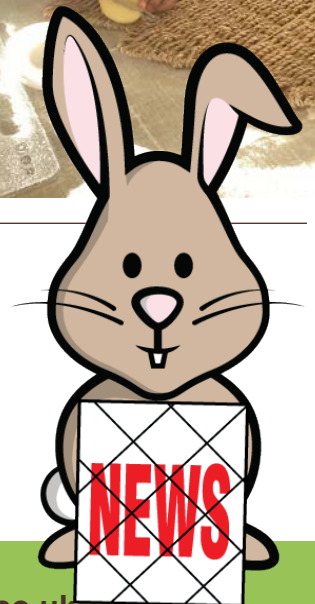
The children are doing well with their Makaton signs and can now use signs for "please," "thank you," and "how are you." Each week, staff introduce a new sign linked to the 'Book with a Hook'.

WHAT WE WILL BE DOING NEXT...

We will be concentrating on learning about internet safety, linking this to National Internet Safety Day on Tuesday, 11th February. Additionally, we will begin teaching the children about Ramadan as the festival starts at the end of the month.

Please Note: If you would like to book an individual catch-up with your child's key worker, please email us, and we will arrange a convenient time.

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. We really appreciate you taking the time to share your feedback, helping us recognise our strengths and identify areas for improvement as we make positive changes moving forward.



Dates for the Diary:

3RD – 7TH FEBRUARY - NATIONAL STORY WEEK

THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY - VALENTINES STAY AND PLAY

2.15- 3.15PM

17TH FEBRUARY - RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL - NURSERY WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL FOR A COMPANY TRAINING DAY

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