

Nurture Group News

Hi to all parents and carers

Welcome to the Spring issue of Nurture Group News!

This half term our topic work will be based on the book *Handa's Surprise* by Eileen Browne

Here are just some of the things we will be learning.

We will be exploring the story *Handa's Surprise*. Identifying characters, events, retelling the story using story language and organising events in sequence. We will be using pictures and words to create a story map. We will be developing our writing skills by writing the story in our own words, looking at the story from the viewpoints of other characters, and changing the ending of the story. We will be looking at how we can extend our writing by using adjectives to describe fruits we have tasted.

In Geography we will be looking at the cultural differences between our homes and way of life, compared to Handa who lives in a small village in Kenya. We will learn about the animals that are native to Africa and how they live in their natural environment.

In art we will be using different techniques and mediums to create observational drawings of fruit. We will create a display to show the story of Handa's journey.

In Design and Technology we will design and make our own African huts, African jewellery and will be using the technique of weaving to make baskets

In Science we will be using our senses to look at, touch, smell and taste different fruits, and record our findings. We will be investigating the materials that African huts are made of and testing them under different conditions.

This term we will be continuing with our therapeutic outdoor learning programme *Wild Things*. The children have enjoyed this experience, having opportunities to gain new skills and learning about the natural environment around them. This half term it will take place on Wednesday afternoons, so please provide wellingtons or walking boots, a hat scarf and gloves for your child which can be left in nurture group.

We look forward to seeing you at Parent's drop in on Wednesday mornings.



Having fun at Wild Things. It looks like we are in the woods!



Ways to help your child at home.

Take time to talk with your child each day about what they have done at school.

Try to share a book / read a story with your child.

Take time to play with your child.

Give your child opportunities to draw, write, paint and be creative.

Play board games that encourage turn taking.

Notice Board

Please remember to send your child's home/school communication book to school each day.

Each Monday the children have the opportunity to bring something for 'show and tell'. Please encourage your child to bring something from home (a small toy, photograph, picture) to share with the group.

Don't forget the nurture group staff are available between 9.am and 9.30 .am every Wednesday morning for parent's drop in.

Thank you for your continued support.

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