



Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

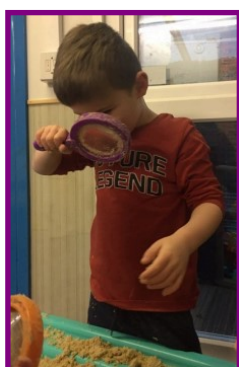
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This week at Nursery . . .

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We have had a busy few weeks at nursery, our topic "All creatures great and small" has been very popular, with lots of exciting talk of different animals, investigations of pretend bugs indoors, and hunting for real mini-beasts outdoors!



In maths the children have been learning new vocabulary linked to size, big, bigger and biggest and practised their cutting skills to order pictures of animals by their size. We have enjoyed looking at how different animals move, even practicing moving like them during PD sessions, joining in with songs/dances such as "Hop little bunnies" "Walking in the jungle" and "Doing the animal Bop."

This week, we have been learning all about Chinese New Year and the story of the Chinese Zodiac. The children had fun retelling the story using props and the sand tray was transformed into a land including a river for the animals to race along. We have been using our senses to explore all things Chinese - we have tasted fortune cookies, and spring rolls which the children made themselves. We have investigated different scents with our homemade "Smelly pots" (filled with spices/foods used in Chinese cooking - garlic, ginger, five spice and tea.)



Star of the Week



Our star of the week is
Elsie!



For showing independence
and self confidence.
Well done Elsie!





We have enjoyed exploring the cold weather, taking some crunchy walks on the frozen field, and cracking ice that has formed in the playground.



Dates for your diary:

The school half term is 13th-17th February. Nursery is open, however the school kitchen is closed so please send a packed lunch for your child for this week.



Next Friday (3rd) is NSPCC Number Day, so we are joining the school to raise money for this lovely charity. If you would like to participate we ask for a suggested donation of £1 to wear number/maths related clothes on the day. We will have lots of exciting maths/number themed activities on the day too.

Exciting times!

We are very excited to share with you that Next Steps Nursery will be having a new building! Plans are being made to replace the building with a purpose built and more open plan space for the children to learn and thrive. We will provide details about the timescales when we have further confirmation from the builders. The initial plans are for the nursery to operate from the school studio whilst the building is being replaced. This will ensure high quality care and provision is maintained in this transition period. Watch this space, we will keep you updated as soon as we know more on timescales.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

3rd February: NSPCC Number Day

13th - 17th February: School Half Term . Nursery is open as usual, however as the school kitchen will be closed, please send packed lunches in this week.

3rd April - 11th April: Nursery will be closed for the Easter Holiday

