



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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This week the jungle has arrived at Next Steps!

The Sensory Room has been transformed into a rainforest, with a range of jungle animals, forest backdrops and rainforest sounds. The children have enjoyed using their imaginations to become the animals and listening to the soundtrack, hiding from any animals that are heading our way!



We have also been exploring massage stories. The children have asked for consent before using massage techniques on each others backs to help recreate stories.

We have been exploring different textures with a gloop crocodile swamp, using jungle animals to make marks in the mixture and of course make some mess!

We have also been learning about Chinese New Year. We have enjoyed watching a CBeebies version of the story and then retelling it to ourselves using puppets/props. We have enjoyed tasting prawn crackers at snack time, and talking about our favourite Chinese foods that we've tried at home.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Ruby



For showing confidence and independence.

Well done Ruby!





We have all enjoyed the beginning of our "My voice matters" group times as part of Children's Mental Health Week.



We have been sending home a box for parents/carers to fill with items that tell us something about your child and what is important to them. This can be a favourite toy, a wrapper from a particular food they like, family photos, certificates of achievement, anything that represents their faith, heritage or family history or anything else that is special to them.

This has been well received by all of the children, helping them to recognise that we are all special and unique and we should be celebrated for that. We are going to continue this ensuring that all children get a turn to fill their box and share with their friends. Where possible if you could return the box the next session that your child is at nursery this would be appreciated please.



All the items will be returned the same day, and we will try to keep them safe, but please be mindful not to send anything really important just in case it became lost or broken. Thank you for your support.



Packed Lunches

Next week is half term. Please let a member of staff know if your child will not be attending on any day. The school kitchen will be closed so children will all require a packed lunch please.

Future Additional Sessions

If you are considering changing or increasing your child's sessions from April, or September, please discuss this with us as soon as possible to secure the sessions you require. Thank you.

Nursery Closure Dates

Please note the following dates when the nursery will be closed:

Easter: Friday 29th March - Monday 8th April inclusive.
Nursery will re-open on Tuesday 9th April.

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May: Bank Holiday

Summer Closure: 5th August - 16th August inclusive.
Nursery will re-open on Monday 19th August.

26th August: Bank Holiday

