



Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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This week at Nursery . . .

At Nursery this week we have been enjoying getting stuck in to this term's theme; 'All Creatures Great and Small'.

We have used the story of 'Superworm' to look at insects and bugs, as well as links to this term's Christian Value - wisdom. We decided that Superworm and his friends were very wise to work as a team, overcoming the powers of Wizard Lizard!



The children have been showing an interest in making maps, and spent time last week playing lots of pirate games. We built upon this by sharing stories such as 'Pi-Rat' and 'Captain Duck'.

The children also enjoyed a pirate-themed Forest School session, searching the woodland for pirate clues, and 'walking the plank' to test their balance and co-ordination. Despite it being a wet day, it was a fun opportunity for many children to experience their first Forest School session in the main woodland.





Our maths focus this week has been based upon patterns. The children have been using various resources to create colourful patterns and towers, and they have also talked about the pattern of the day (routines such as waking up, eating breakfast, going to nursery).

We have also practiced our fine motor skills by making pasta pattern pictures. Using dried pasta, the children carefully placed pieces along a patterned line. This was quite difficult and took lots of patience and determination. The adults were really impressed at the children's resilience with this.



You may have noticed some changes to our outdoor environment. We are currently preparing for the re-surfacing of the playground, and whilst things are changing, we are making some adaptations to the layout. We have now removed the fencing which had separated the play space from the main entrance. This allows for more space to play on bikes, and means that we are utilising the whole playground area. We hope that work will begin within the next few weeks and will keep you updated with the changes.

FUNDED HOURS

IF YOU CLAIM FOR WORKING PARENT ENTITLEMENT FUNDING, PLEASE ENSURE YOU REGULARLY CHECK AND UPDATE AND RENEW THE INFORMATION IF REQUIRED AND WHEN REQUESTED

PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE UNABLE TO OFFER FUNDED HOURS IF WE BECOME AWARE THAT ELIGIBILITY HAS EXPIRED AND AN INVOICE FOR THE FULL FEES WILL BE ISSUED.

Dates for the Diary

Please note the school half term will be 16th – 20th February. The Nursery WILL be open this week, however as the school kitchen will be closed, please provide packed lunches.

