



# Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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## This week at Nursery . . .



This week at Nursery we have continued to enjoy our theme, 'All Creatures Great and Small'. The children's interests have led us to explore jungle animals this week and they have joined in with some exciting activities.

We have used the story of 'Monkey Puzzle' as our literacy base and the children have shared the story using props and puppets. They worked well as a team to figure out the clues, deciding which animal the butterfly in the story may take the monkey to find next.



In maths this week we have focussed on measuring; specifically using language such as 'big, bigger, biggest' and 'small, smaller, smallest'. Our group sessions have included using bricks to make and compare towers, searching the nursery for big/small items, and comparing the sizes of sets of objects. During play, the children have had the opportunity to cut pictures of jungle animals and order them from biggest to smallest.

We have also worked to refine our fine motor skills, making our very own threading zebras. The children used hole punches to snip holes, and then threaded wool to create stripes for the zebra. This was quite challenging and the children demonstrated brilliant focus and determination!



### STAR OF THE WEEK

Denie



for showing confidence and building lovely friendships!

**Well done!**





During Forest School this week, we talked about which animals might use the woodland space. The children searched for hidden footprints, and returned to the log circle to match them to the correct animal picture.

Some children also chose to build homes and shelters for toy animals; they worked hard to ensure they had all the essentials such as beds, sofas and doors!



### 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.