



Next Steps @ St Johns



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This week at Nursery . . .



Welcome back to Term 5! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. It has been wonderful to share all of your updates on Tapestry. Please do continue to send them in, the children love to share their adventures with us.

Our new theme this term is 'Here, There and Everywhere'; we will be exploring transport and journeys.

This week, we have focussed on different types of vehicles. The children have enjoyed building ramps to transport cars, watching how they travel, and using language related to speed and distance. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity in action!



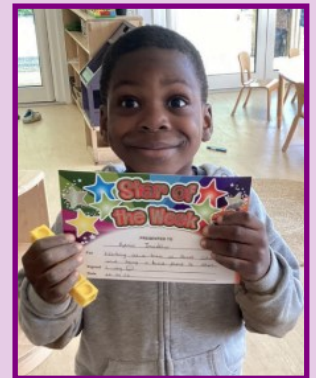
The children have also been using paint to make tyre tracks on paper. They particularly enjoyed exploring cause and effect, moving vehicles across the paper and observing the patterns and prints they created.

In Maths, our learning has centred on shape. The children have been making pictures using 2D shapes, and have been encouraged to describe their properties, such as sides and corners.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Adriel



For working well as a team at forest school and for being a kind friend to others.

Well done!



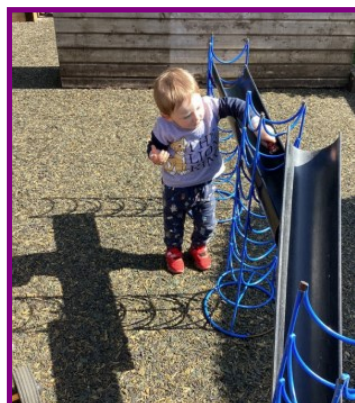


Our Christian Value this term is *Friendship*. We have been sharing stories about friendship and discussing what makes a good friend, as well as how we can show kindness and care towards others.

We are excited to share that we have been invited to visit St John's Church next Wednesday. The children will explore the church and share stories and songs with Father Guy and Father Philip. If you are available to volunteer and support us during this visit, we would greatly appreciate your help. The visit will take place between 9:00am and 11:00am (Wednesday 29th April) - please let us know if you can join us.

A reminder that Forest School will take place on Thursdays this term. As the weather improves, it is still important that children wear long sleeves and long trousers in the woodland. This is to help prevent scratches and injuries. We are hopeful that waterproofs won't be needed as the summer approaches, but it is worth sending them if we do experience some wet weather. Please can we also ask you to provide wellies on a Thursday for these sessions.

Whilst we think about the weather, please can you begin to provide sun hats and sun cream for your child. Both of these items need to be clearly labelled. We do have a supply of Nivea factor 50 that we can apply, but understand that some children have sensitivities or you may prefer to provide your own.



Nursery Rhyme of the Week

Old Macdonald Had a Farm

 Old Macdonald had a farm,
E-I-E-I-O!
And on that farm he had a
E-I-E-I-O!

cow  With a MOO MOO here,
And a MOO MOO there,
Here a MOO, there a MOO,
everywhere a MOO MOO!

hen  With a CLUCK CLUCK here,
And a CLUCK CLUCK there,
Here a CLUCK, there a CLUCK,
everywhere a CLUCK CLUCK!

sheep  With a BAA BAA here,
And a BAA BAA there,
Here a BAA, there a BAA,
everywhere a BAA BAA!

pig  With an OINK OINK here,
And an OINK OINK there,
Here an OINK, there an OINK,
everywhere an OINK OINK!

dog  With a WOOF WOOF here,
And a WOOF WOOF there,
Here a WOOF, there a WOOF,
everywhere a WOOF WOOF!

horse  With a NEIGH NEIGH here,
And a NEIGH NEIGH there,
Here a NEIGH, there a NEIGH,
everywhere a NEIGH NEIGH!

duck  With a QUACK QUACK here,
And a QUACK QUACK there,
Here a QUACK, there a QUACK,
everywhere a QUACK QUACK!

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Funded Hours

Thank you to those who have already completed their declaration forms for this term. If you are yet to do so, please complete and return to Nursery by **Friday 1st May at the very latest**. This will ensure that you continue to receive funded hours next term and do not receive an unexpected invoice.

Paper forms, if needed, are available from the nursery. If you have any queries, please contact the School Office as soon as possible.

Outstanding invoices

Please check your Arbor Parent Portal account which will show if you have any outstanding invoices to pay. Please ensure these are paid as soon as possible. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday. The Nursery will be closed.

Monday 25th May: Bank Holiday. The Nursery will be closed.

26th - 28th May The school kitchen will be closed for the half-term.
Please bring packed lunches.

Summer Closure: The Nursery will be closed from
Monday 3rd August to Friday 14th August inclusive.

Monday 31st August: Bank Holiday. The Nursery will be closed.

Thursday 3rd September & Friday 4th September: INSET Days. The Nursery will be closed.