

Nursery Weekly News

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We hope you have had a good weekend.

Last week the children were busy in the garden trying out some physical challenges and jumping from blocks. We also had our first go at trying some races on Friday, which the children loved.

As well as physical activities to improve our gross motor skills we have been working on fine motor skills too. It has been nice to see more children mark making over the last couple of weeks. We are really encouraging all the older children to work on writing their names and hope most of them will be able to have a go at writing their names by the time they start reception. We have noticed that the children quickly forget if they don't practise regularly, so lots of encouragement to have a go over the Summer would be really helpful. It doesn't have to be with a piece of paper on a table if your child finds it hard; easels are helpful, old sheets of wallpaper or card stuck on a wall or on the floor, chalks on the fence or pavement, bath crayons are all activities that might encourage the more reluctant writer. If the weather gets hot spray bottles are another good way to keep cool and help the muscles in the fingers get strong. There is some more information about letter formation below,

The other big news last week that all our chrysalises turned to butterflies and we were able to set them free. The warm weather this year seems to have made the whole process very speedy and when we came to school last Monday, we already had two butterflies. We were thrilled that all five caterpillars managed to metamorphosise and fly away. Here are a few photos.

Best wishes

Ellie Green & Kelly McIlroy



Building Blocks for Reading

Sounds

The younger children have been working on their phonological skills in a smaller group whilst the older children have now learnt all the set 1 sounds and this week we have been revising the sounds and carrying on blending sounds to make words. Although not all the children are quite there remembering all the sounds, many can, and others are getting there. The Summer holiday is a long one, so don't forget if you would like the Set 1 sound cards to keep up practice, they are available to buy at the school office. The writing rhymes are on the bottom of the cards. At the end of term, the children moving on to Reception will bring home a book with a letter formation sheet in, so they have somewhere to practice letter formation and a reminder of the sounds to look at over the Summer.

Phonics Game

Hunt the Sounds (or words)

Use a set of letter cards for the sounds we have learnt, or if your child is now very confident you could use key words. Hide a number of them around a room (your child must not look). Your child must find the cards and bring them back to you saying the sound or words they find as they find them.

