

Friday 10th March 2023

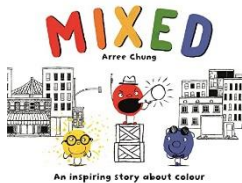
Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been full of colour, pattern, being healthy and even the excitement of snow! The children have all been engaging in lots of exciting learning including;

- Mixing colours to make new ones and creating handprints and dot pictures.
- Matching pairs of patterned socks onto a washing line.
- Sorting animals into hoops according to their patterns.
- Continuing our healthy me topic by learning about healthy foods and not so healthy foods and sorting them onto plates.
- Playing rhyming bingo.
- Celebrating the Holi festival.



We read 'the dot' by Peter H Reynolds. This story is all about a little girl named Vashti who thinks that she isn't very good at drawing. Her teacher encourages her and reassures her by telling her that any marks she makes are wonderful. Vashti then creates lots of dot paintings and explores colour mixing along the way.



We also read 'Mixed' which is a fun story about a world of colours who all live separately but then they become friends and realise that there are so many different colour opportunities that they didn't know about!

We have set up a police and fire station in the garden outside and the children have thoroughly enjoyed solving crimes, looking for clues, putting out fires and rescuing one another.

You can help your child to continue their learning at home by:

- Practising to write their name (Look out for some practise sheets coming home to support your child with their letter formation).
- Looking for numbers 0-7 when you are out and about, at home, at the shops, walking down the road. Can you count 7 claps, 5 jumps, 3 hops. Count the stairs as you climb them, the number of people in your family etc.
- Asking them to sing and sign the song "I can sing a rainbow" which we have been practising in class.
- Talking to your child about pattern and pointing it out to them when you see it, a spotty jumper, a stripy cat, a zig zag on the road.
- Talking about colours that you see and colours that you can make.

Please look out for the dental health letter that has come home in your child's bag this week. Miss Jones and Miss Kelly have both been trained to run a tooth brushing programme within the nursery to support your child to brush their teeth effectively twice a day. This can only be carried out with children whose parents have returned the permission slip. There will be an informational parent/carer talk in the school hall on Tuesday 21st March at 9am to discuss this further with you.



Next week is science week and we have lots of fun and exciting experiments and learning planned! Your children will be scientists for the week learning in their very own laboratory and exploring cause and effect. We will also be exploring life cycles by visiting the living eggs in Reception and planting seeds in seed trays ready for the spring.

Don't forget that it is Red Nose Day on Friday 17th March and your child can come to school wearing red for a donation of £1.



Also we are taking donations of activity money via Parentpay to buy materials for all of the fun activities your child will be taking part in.

Many thanks

Mrs Halligan

Nursery Manager