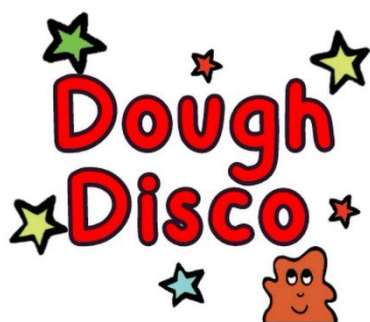




Did you know?

Play dough play helps strengthen fine motor skills, preparing children for future tasks like writing, dressing and cutting!



Tiggywinkles

This week, the Tiggywinkles have had a lovely time exploring their story themes and getting stuck into lots of hands-on activities. They enjoyed heading out on number hunts, playing I spy and spotting all sorts of creatures in their small world setups, from woodland and river animals to jungle and polar ones. The children threw themselves into creative tasks too, joining in with dough disco, practising their cutting skills, and even making their very own lanterns, which they were very proud of. Their park trips brought lots of excitement, giving them plenty to talk about back in the classroom, and they finished the week with calming yoga and nursery rhymes. It has been a fun, busy week full of imagination, outdoor adventures, and plenty of smiles.

Nutkins

This week, the Nutkins have really enjoyed diving into their community helpers theme by finding out more about teachers. They loved pretending to be teachers themselves by using the teacher tray to mark make, draw, write and explore all the little teacher jobs they see around them. There were lots of playful maths moments too, from adding and counting gems with number cards to building with Lego and counting with bears. The children had great fun getting creative, snipping colourful spaghetti, trimming wool hair, moulding playdough numbers and making autumn leaf crafts with string and chalk. They also enjoyed story sequencing, colour mixing and plenty of sensory fun with squishy bags and cotton. It has been a lovely, busy week full of imagination, laughter and curious little learners discovering what it's like to be a teacher.

Puddleducks

This week the Puddleducks have enjoyed exploring our community helpers topic by learning all about teachers. The children loved stepping into the role themselves by sorting classroom objects, creating their own teacher lanyards, adding and decorating a special teacher's chair and even packing a bag full of school essentials. They were especially excited to match photos of our Pre-School staff and to talk about the different jobs teachers do. A highlight of the week was a special visit from Reception teacher, Mrs Boon,

who the children were delighted to meet and talk to. Alongside this, they continued to enjoy creative activities, outdoor adventures, and practising their growing independence, making it a joyful and imaginative week of learning.

School Applications

A reminder that school applications are now open for children due to start school in September 2026. Applications opened on the 29th of September and will close on the 15th of January. Please make sure to submit your application before the deadline.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time/>



Hello Cold Weather!

This is a friendly reminder that we are now in Autumn meaning the colder months are quickly approaching! Please could you provide your child with suitable clothing, such as warm winter coats and wellies. We also ask that these come labelled with your child's name. It may be a good idea to bring a waterproof suit so your children can continue exploring the great outdoors without adding more laundry!



Nativity Letters

Tiggywinkle and Nutkin children will be bringing home a letter discussing the infant production of 'Ned's Christmas Discovery'. This will state what part your child will be playing and what they will need. Please bring costumes into Pre-School by Monday 1st December at the latest.



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