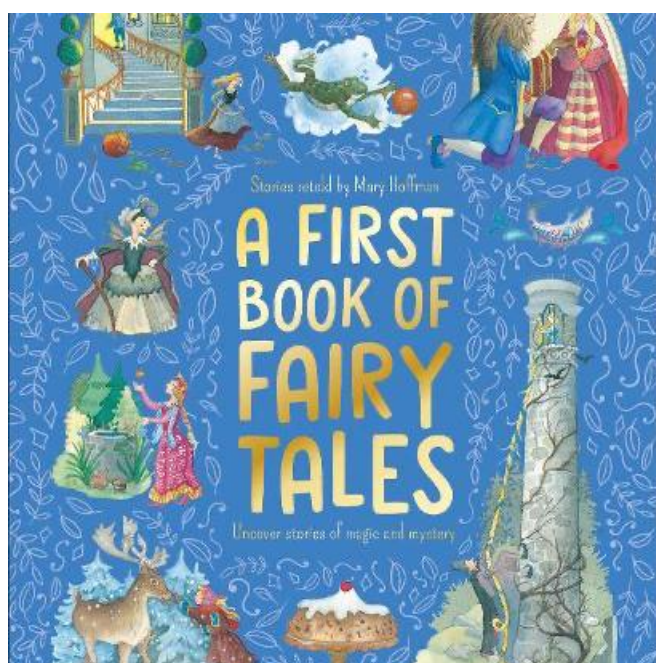




“Play is the highest form of research”  
~Albert Einstein

## Tiggywinkles

This week in Tiggywinkles, the children have been immersed in a magical world of castles, knights and fairy tales, capturing their imaginations and encouraging rich play and learning. The children have enjoyed building towers and castles using blocks, magnets and playdough, exploring numbers, shapes and problem solving as they worked. Fine motor skills have been strengthened through activities such as cutting castles and crowns, using tweezers to pick up jewels, and printing patterns, helping to develop control and coordination. Storytelling and mark making have played an important role this week, with stone writing, large scale mark making and playful literacy opportunities supporting early writing skills. Small world play has been full of adventure, with knights, dragons, enchanted forests and caves inspiring collaborative play and storytelling. Creative activities such as shield making, brick painting and knight training have allowed the children to express their ideas while building confidence and resilience.



## Nutkins

This week in Nutkins, the children have continued their action-packed adventures through a range of energetic, imaginative and hands-on experiences. The children have enjoyed exploring early maths through counting, grouping and number songs, while pattern making and puzzles have encouraged problem solving and concentration. Communication and language have been supported through story time, discussions, and games that encourage listening, questioning and following instructions. Small world and role play have been a real highlight, with castles, knights, everyday heroes and rescue scenarios inspiring the children to take on different roles and develop their confidence and social skills. Fine motor activities such as playdough smashing, scooping, cutting and using tweezers have strengthened hand control and coordination, supporting early writing skills. Creative and

physical activities, including yoga, stretching, dancing, superhero movement and balancing challenges, have helped the children develop strength, coordination and body awareness. Daily singing, phonics sessions and outdoor play have continued to support the children's wellbeing and enthusiasm for learning, making it another positive and engaging week in Nutkins.

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## Puddleducks

This week in Puddleducks, the children have enjoyed a gentle and engaging focus on movement, music and sensory exploration. Through action songs, dance and copy-me movements, the children have been developing their coordination, balance and body awareness in a fun and playful way. Sensory and creative experiences have been a highlight, with painting, mark making, gloop, playdough and messy play encouraging curiosity and exploration. Small world and imaginative play have supported early communication, with animals, cars and role play resources inspiring simple stories and shared play. Daily routines have continued to support independence, with the children practising self-care skills such as putting on coats and exploring dressing-up play. Songs, scarves and musical instruments have been used throughout the week to support listening, rhythm and language development. It has been a settled and enjoyable week, with the children growing in confidence as they explore, move and learn together.

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## Cold and Rainy Weather

Please can children arrive at Pre-School with suitable winter clothing to enable them to partake in all our fun outdoor activities and opportunities. A warm winter coat, wellies, hat and gloves would be perfect.



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