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What we have been learning...

This week our caterpillars arrived at Nursery. We have been keeping a close eye on them and watching as they turn into “big, fat caterpillars”. We read the story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to develop our understanding of how the caterpillars will change into butterflies. The caterpillars are now starting to make their chrysalis.

The children have been developing their understanding of how some baby animals don't look the same as they grow into adults. This opened up an opportunity for us to discuss and think about our similarities and differences and that everyone is unique.

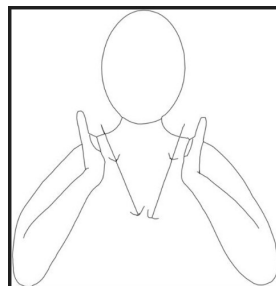
This week Concept Cat came to teach us all about “less”. The children explored what “less” meant in different contexts. We took some items out so that we had “less”, as we made shakers using natural materials.



Each week we are going to introduce a new Makaton sign. Makaton is a unique communication programme that uses symbols (pictures), signs (gestures) and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression.

Our Makaton Sign of the week this week is:

less



Home activities

Our physical focus this week is jumping! At home you could practise jumping in different ways. At Nursery, we have been practising jumping like different animals such as bunnies, frogs and kangaroos. You could practise jumping forwards or to the side. You might want to visit the park and practise jumping off items such as a low step, remembering to bend your legs when you land.

Prams

Please ensure you put any prams under the canopy and away from the main door. We need access to the door at all times in case of an emergency. Thank you.

Eid

As Eid is during the half-term holiday, we are celebrating in nursery on Thursday 21st May. Children do not need to bring anything to nursery.

Attendance (1– 14 May)

Retreat (am)	96.3%
Kiran	95.3%
Suzanne (am)	91.2%
Retreat(pm)	91.2%
Beth/Kate(pm)	90%
Gillian (am)	88.9%
Suzanne (pm)	88.9%
Beth/Kate(am)	82.2%
Gillian(pm)	73.7%
Katie (am)	72.2%
Katie (pm)	66.7%

Well done to the morning's Retreat group for the best attendance.

Absence

If your child is unable to attend nursery, please contact the office before 9.30 on the day of absence. You can leave a voicemail on the phone if lines are busy. Tel: 01282 457235

Key Dates

Thursday 21st May—Eid celebration in nursery

Friday 22nd May—nursery closes at 3.40pm for half term

Monday 1st June—nursery reopens at 8.45am