

Bessemer Primary School Newsletter



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Our Week

We have had a great week in Nursery. This week we celebrated 'Culture and Diversity Week' celebrating our differences and the various countries that we come from. We kicked



off the week with a great music lesson with Duncan and the Grammy Award jazz pianist Bill Laurence. The children enjoyed singing songs from around the world and asking Bill questions about his profession.



Mrs Owusu who happens to originate from Ghana also taught the children to sing Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes in her home language

Twi. The children then carried out many fun activities including making fruit faces with fruit from around the world and making musical shakers. Towards the end of the week welcomed some parents from Chinese, Finnish and Romanian ethnicities who enjoyed sharing songs and stories with the class.

It has been a great week in Nursery.



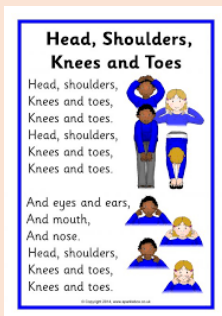
Nature Garden

We had a great morning in the Nature Garden. The children enjoyed using their fine motor skills to hammer leaves into boards to create a leaf picture. The children also enjoyed going on a scavenger hunt, looking for twigs, different coloured leaves and other natural objects.

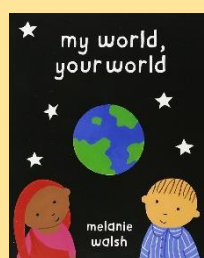
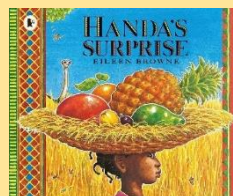
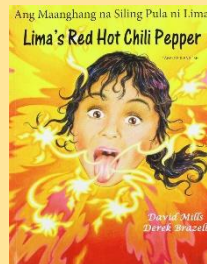
It was a great morning.



Songs of the Week



Books this Half-Term



Key Vocabulary

This week we have been learning about Culture & Diversity. This is the vocabulary that we have been teaching and using with the children. Please continue using this vocabulary at home with your child.

**Different, Same, World
Countries, Music, Dance
Food, Celebrations**

Listening & Attention - Body Percussion

This week we have been learning about using different parts of our bodies to make various sounds and rhythms.



Home Challenge!

Teach everyone at home the 'Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man' rhyme and show them how to clap their hands together to the beat.



Things to remember...

Dates to remember

- **Nursery Christmas Carols** - Friday 15th December 2023 at 3:00pm.

Core Books

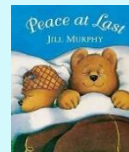
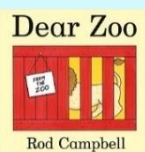
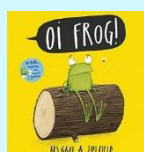
In order to support our emergent readers in Nursery we use a core book scheme.

Nursery will have four core books that will be read throughout the year on a regular basis so that the children are able to retell the story themselves, even though they will not be able to read the words. This builds the children's confidence in reading and allows them to see themselves as a reader. It also supports their storytelling, speaking and their understanding.

There will be numerous copies of these core books in the setting, along with the rest of the high-quality texts on offer, and there will be opportunities for the children to take it in turns to take a copy home with them. If you have access to a library or are able to visit a bookshop/ 2nd hand book shop, such as Oxfam on Half Moon Lane, it is also a nice idea to have these books at home to expose your child to these books further. The core books have been chosen to reflect the children's interests, develop specific skills and support our focus on diversity and challenging stereotypes.

The core books chosen for Nursery:

- *Oi Frog* by Kes Gray & Jim Field
- *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell
- *Peace at Last* by Jill Murphy
- *We're Going to Find a Monster* by Malorie Blackman & Dapo Adeola



Many thanks,
The Nursery Team

Ladybird - Olivia Howard & Nekay Lewin

Butterfly - Anastasia Owusu, Jodie Speer & Samantha Baker

Jaci Doherty working throughout both classrooms



