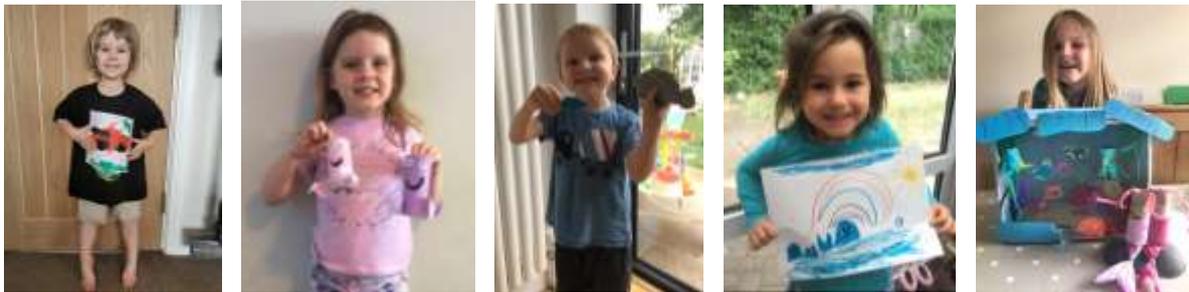




Message from Mrs Clark and Mrs Hammerson

Hello Nursery!

We have been enjoying being back in the classroom and the children in school have been busy. We have been learning our sound of the week, counting and writing numerals, investigating whether objects float or sink and making some colourful sea creatures. We hope you are having fun at home and keeping busy with your home learning. You have all been very creative. We love seeing such fantastic pictures and models.



We have created a new 'Under the Sea' display in the classroom. We thought you might like to see it!



Please remember to send in any examples of work or pictures of fun activities to eynursery@lea-pri.herts.sch.uk so we can celebrate your achievements.

This week we will be learning all about shapes and water transport. It is also Father's Day on Sunday (21st June) so we have some activities linked to this.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

It is Father's Day on Sunday. Why not read a book about a family? One of our favourites is *Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson. You can find an online version here:

<https://justbooksreadaloud.com/ReadToMe.php?vid=MonkeyPuzzle>

Perhaps you have another favourite book about a family.

Literacy

Phonics – b

Learn the Jolly Phonics song and action.

<https://vimeo.com/106231366>

This is a link to all the Jolly Phonics sounds. They are in alphabetical order.

Can you practise saying words that start with b and make your own book like this:

Communication and Language

After you have shared the *Monkey Puzzle* story can you talk about what is special about the members of your family? You may want to talk about the adults you live with, your brothers and sisters or grandparents. Perhaps you could draw a picture of your family.

Maths

This week we are going to investigate shapes. Play the Shape Monsters game to see if you can match and name the different shapes.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters>

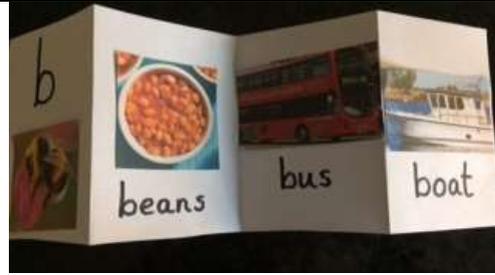
You could go on a shape hunt when you are next outside. What shapes can you find? Can you name them all? You might choose one shape to spot at a time. For example, where are all the circles? You might want to record what you see in some way, e.g. drawing, counting, or perhaps taking photographs. How many did you find? You could make a shape finder to take with you like this:



As you look around, talk about how some shapes are bigger, smaller, patterned, up high, next to, under and over things, etc.

As a challenge, see if you can continue the repeating patterns. Select Level 1.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns>



There are pictures you can cut out attached or you could draw your own pictures. For a challenge, can you sound out the words and perhaps write some down in your book?

Can you find some other objects in your house or outside that start with b?

Please continue to practise all the sounds and actions we have learnt so far!

s a t i p m n g e c o f d

There is an I Spy worksheet attached. Can you find the pictures which start with the different sounds? It looks like this:



Reading

Listen to the book *Brilliant Boats*. You can find an online version here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KK7Au1u-xg>

There are lots of rhyming words in this book. Can you find some? As a challenge, can you make your own rhyming string? E.g. dock, rock – you could add lock, clock, block!

Writing

Practise writing your name on a Father's Day gift tag and mark making on a shape picture. See the activities below.

Understanding the World

Make a boat out of foil and float it in a basin of water. How many pennies can it hold before it sinks? Perhaps you could have a competition with someone at home?



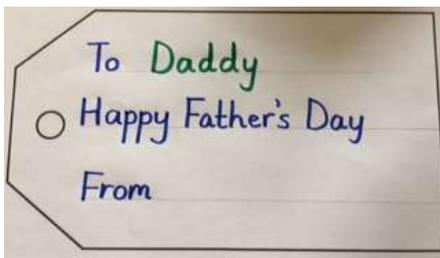
Take a look at the attached photographs of boats.



Do you know the names of the different boats? Which would you like to travel in? Can you say what you think they are used for and how they move?

Physical Development

Please write a gift card to go with your Father's Day gift. Here is an example:



You could ask a grown up to write Happy Father's Day and you could copy the word 'Daddy' and practise writing your own name. For a challenge you could copy all the words yourself.

Remember, whilst you are drawing, painting, making marks or writing your name, to hold your pencil correctly.



Expressive Arts and Design

You could make a Father's Day gift this week. We liked this 'Daddy' frame. You could decorate each letter in a different way and perhaps add a photograph or two!



You can find the letter templates attached. Just print or cut them out onto some white card.

Make a shape picture:



You will need some paper squares, circles and triangles. Use the shapes to make patterns. Circles might be wheels, a triangle might be a sail, a square might be a house etc.

Perhaps you can add some other materials like paint, crayon, or glitter!

Can you recognise the differences between the shapes you have used? What do you notice? Can you tell a grown up the names of the shapes, how many sides it has, whether the sides are straight, whether they are big or small, what colours you have used etc?

Daily basic skills

Practise the jolly phonics sounds and actions for all the sounds we have learnt so far. You could have a go at writing some of them if you want!

s a t i p n m c e g o f d

Practise counting every day. Count as you come down the stairs, count the flowers or stones in your garden or the plates around your dinner table.

You could choose a number for the week to practise counting to, writing or finding!

Online Learning

- Education city- use individual log ins to access set work

<https://www.educationcity.com/>

- Stories to share

<https://www.worldbookday.com/big-little-book-corner>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/storyteller-videos/storyteller-videos-traditional-tales/>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/storyteller-videos/storyteller-videos-julia-donaldsons-songbirds/>

- Nursery rhymes

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-a-to-z-index/z4ddgwx>

- Phonics play

<https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk>

While schools are closed, you will be able to access all the phonics games and resources on this website.

Use the following to log in:

Username: march20

Password: home

focus on phase 1 and phase 2 activities

- Activities and ideas for children from 0-5. Contains a list of apps which may be of interest.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

- A collection of activities to do with children

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

Take a look at the activities for 3-4 year olds

- Stories and activities <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/birth-4/>