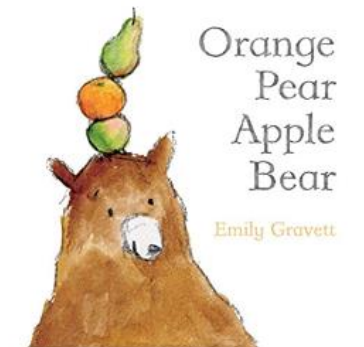


Dear parents/carers,

5 and a half months since my accident, I'm pleased to say that I'm finally able to start getting back to some kind of normal. This has been great news as it means I've been able to spend more time over the last couple of weeks in the nursery. My last Xray showed that both bones have healed well and now it's just a matter of keeping up with the physio exercises and getting used to moving around a lot more and understanding my limits!

It could still take a further 6 months to get back to full health, but it feels great to not be so restricted. The children have obviously noticed I no longer need my boot and have been pleased to see me moving about. Now the questions are 'Why are you here?', 'Why don't you need your boot anymore?' and quickly moved on to 'What you doing?' and 'Why?'. This week some of the children went to the Tate gallery to see Yayoi Kusama's obliteration room. It is an interactive artwork where everyone is invited to transform a completely white domestic apartment into a sea of colourful dots. The children were given a sheet of colourful 'dot' stickers to help bring the space to life.



Pass It On - The Gift Of Imagination

A few of our parents and carers may remember that last year we launched a project where we asked for donations of books old and new to enhance our library within the nursery. We received many generous donations which helped us refresh the books in the room and launch our book club.

Some of the books are now a little tattered and torn from enthusiastic use by our young readers, so I thought I would include a reminder of how valuable this project is to the nursery in this week's update. The flyer attached will give you an idea of how to take part but simply if you have any books that your child has grown out of or no longer use then we would like to have them. Thanks for your support with this in advance.

Core Books

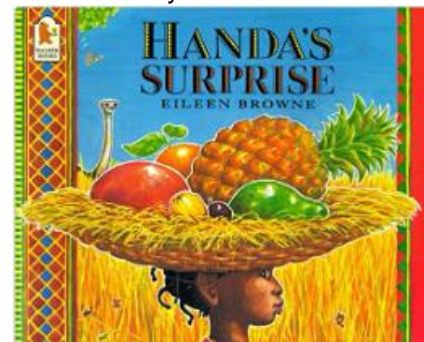
Developing children's love of literacy is core to their development. In our 'What to Expect When' booklet we shared with you the core books that we will be using in each of the rooms.

This week Explorers got started with their core book 'Orange, Pear, Apple, Bear'. This book has text and sweet illustrations but contains only five words: apple, pear, orange, bear--and there. The author creates clever variations on this theme by rearranging the words-, a brown bear juggles an orange, apple, and pear; on another page, there is an orange-coloured apple and a pear-shaped bear. The book is simple but compelling, so the children will enjoy reading this book over and over again as they learn many different concepts. The book has been introduced the Explorers during circle time and activities are starting to develop from the children's interest in the book. This week they've turned their home corner into a supermarket complete with lots of oranges, pears and apples!

Investigators core book is 'Handa's Surprise' A modern classic which was named one of the best culturally diverse picture books in the UK. This is the story of Handa, who's part of the Luo tribe in south-west Kenya. Handa decides to take seven pieces of delicious fruit to her friend, Akeyo, who lives in the neighbouring village. But as Handa wanders, I wonder what fruit Akeyo will like best? A series of sneaky animals steal something from Handa's basket, which she's carrying on her head... When Handa reaches Akeyo, will she have anything left to offer her friend?

Beautifully illustrated, brimming with luscious fruit and cheeky wild animals, this mouth-watering story is for the youngest of readers. Children will long to tell Handa what's happening right behind her!

So far, the Investigators are loving this book and it follows on from their recent interest in all things fruit!



We Need Your Old Paint Brushes And Utensils

Do you have any old paint brushes, or cooking utensils you no longer need? If so please pass them our way.

Somehow no matter how hard we try they seem to find their way out of the nursery!

Any utensils would be fine for stirring, mixing, ladling, pouring, tweezing! As well as paint brushes of all sizes, no paint brush is too big or too small.

Talking About Paint!

We have been trying to find non stain child friendly paint! Apparently, it doesn't seem to exist...

My thoughts are that children's paint suppliers have received so many complaints about stained clothes that they have decided to put a disclaimer on all of the colours.

Needless to say, we can't stop the children painting and as much as we always encourage children to wear an apron when they paint, many children take them off almost the instant an adult isn't looking.

The last thing we want is for your child to ruin their best clothes, so please if you have any old clothes or paint stained clothes, pack them in their bags and then the children can happily paint to their hearts content without fear of damaging their clothing.

Colombo Centre Jumble Sale

Please see a flyer for the latest Youth and Community Programmes jumble sale event attached. It's happening at Colombo Centre on Friday 12 August – the first hour from 2-3pm is a £1 sale, and then from 3-4:30pm it will basically be a 'take what you want and donate if you can' situation.

We're hoping that most people will come for the first hour as all the good stuff will go after then, and the second part will be for more vulnerable families to take whatever they may need for free.

Kind regards,
Jane and the nursery team