

## Nursery Newsletter

Week commencing 02/02/2026

### The Little Red Hen

This week, we enjoyed sharing the story *The Little Red Hen*. We talked about why the little hen didn't share her bread and decided that it's a good choice to help our friends when they ask us. We sang *Old MacDonald*, thinking about the different animals we find on a farm and the noises they make.

We also had a go at making our own bread. We mixed the ingredients together and then kneaded the dough, exploring how it felt in our hands. "Sticky", "slimy" and "marshmallowy" were some of the words we used to describe it!



Some of the indoor activities we explored this week included:

- Working together to complete puzzles, selecting and rotating shapes to fit into a given space
- Exploring mark making on paper using feathers and dabbers
- Filling containers and buckets with sand
- Commenting on what they could see while exploring the farm with corn seeds
- Developing scissor skills by cutting and sticking the hen's life cycle
- Painting a hen using random directions and movements
- Creating lines, circles and marks in the coloured sand
- Exploring the letter sounds 's' and 'a'
- Sharing our phonics book *Nature Trail* and clapping syllables in words from the story



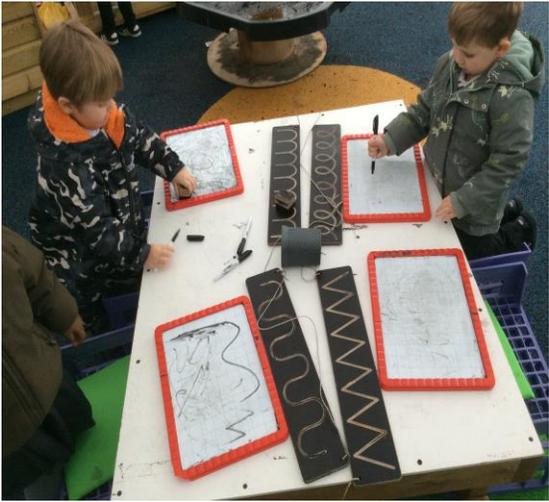




Some of the indoor activities we explored this week included:

- Washing the mud kitchen equipment
- Exploring Numicon and counting to five
- Exploring the ducks in the water tray
- Drawing lines, circles and marks on the whiteboards
- Sharing stories outdoors





Some activities you could share at home could include:

- Reading a bedtime story - identify the characters
- Clapping syllables for their name or everyday objects eg lap/top (2 syllables), dust/bin (2 syllables), fridge (1 clap)
- Counting 1-5 objects - encouraging your child to touch each object as they count.
- Practising putting own coat and shoes on
- Baking together or helping set the table or washing up.

Next week we will be looking at the celebration

**Chinese New Year**