

## Nursery News

### Music and Art Week

#### Night Monkey Day Monkey

This week, we enjoyed sharing the story *Night Monkey, Day Monkey*. We explored the differences between day and night, discussing what happens at each time and when we see the sun and the moon. We also had great fun on the big playground, where the children used chalk to draw beautiful suns on the ground.



As part of Music and Art Week, we enjoyed exploring a variety of musical instruments. We named the different instruments and talked about the sounds they make when they are played. The children had lots of fun listening to and creating different sounds using the instruments.



We have also enjoyed sharing the story *Whatever Next!*. We talked about what we might see if we went into space and used our imaginations to explore the moon and stars. The children had great fun pretending to be rockets and blasting off into space.

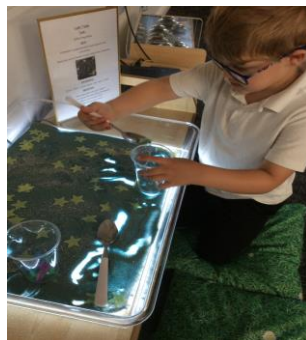
We watched NASA launch a rocket on the big screen and then drew our own space rockets.

The children enjoyed talking about space and attempting to draw a rocket.

**Our indoor activities have included:**

- Using foil to paint a moon and adding stars.
- Making a monkey puppet by following picture instructions set out by an adult and completing it independently.
- Drawing lines, circles and other marks at the mark-making table.
- Feeding the monkey the correct numbered banana after rolling the dice and counting the spots.
- Practising our cutting skills by cutting out leaves.
- Exploring blue glittery playdough using rolling pins and space-themed stampers.
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These activities have helped to develop the children's creativity, fine motor skills, counting skills and independence while supporting our Music and Arts week.





**Our outdoor activities included:**

- Enjoying ice cream role play, where the children talked about their favourite ice creams. Some children took on the role of shop assistants, while others enjoyed being customers and choosing which ice cream they would like to buy.
- Scooping balls from the water using nets. This activity extended into creating a slope with guttering and rolling the balls down into a bucket, encouraging problem-solving and exploration.
- Using sieves in the sand pit to investigate different textures and materials.
- Exploring stencils at the mark-making table to create a variety of patterns and pictures.
- Practising climbing and balancing skills on the climbing frame while remembering our safety rule of having only five friends on the equipment at one time.

These outdoor activities supported the children's physical development, communication skills, imagination, and cooperative play.





**Some activities you could enjoy at home include:**

- Share a bedtime story together.
- Practise counting from 1 to 10.
- Talk to your grown-ups about the difference between day and night. Can you remember our story?
- Play a game of throw and catch using a large ball.
- Complete a jigsaw puzzle or make your own! Colour a picture, then cut it into large pieces. Mix the pieces up before putting them back together to complete your homemade puzzle.

**Next week, we will be sharing the story *Sharing a Shell*. We are looking forward to another exciting week of learning and discovery!**

