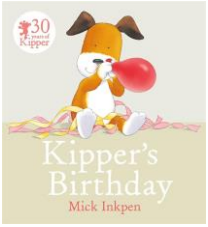
Nursery Newsletter - Birthday Celebrations

Week Commencing 16/11/26







This week, our topic has been 'Birthdays'! We have been talking about what happens when it is our birthday, including enjoying a birthday cake, receiving presents and having a party. We also thought about how old we are and counted how many candles we would have on our birthday cakes.





We also talked about the different party games we have played, including musical statues, musical bumps and pass the parcel. We had lots of fun playing pass the parcel, remembering to stop when the music stopped and pass the parcel on to our friends. We practised taking turns and playing together!




Together, the children explored colour-matching balloons, identifying and naming the different colours. This was a lovely opportunity to develop their colour recognition and language skills.




We have also enjoyed sharing some lovely stories together, including *Kipper's Birthday*, *Confetti* and *Birthday Party*.

The children joined in with brushing their teeth and we talked about why we need to brush them and how long we should brush for. We practised our brushing movements and discussed how brushing helps to keep our teeth healthy and clean!



Some of our indoor activities have included:

- **Balloon painting:** Thinking about the different colours of balloons we have seen and using these to inspire our paintings.
- **Birthday party role play:** Having our own birthday celebrations in the role-play area, wearing party hats, sharing pretend cake and writing party lists.
- **Threading:** Developing our fine motor skills by threading either Cheerios or beads onto balloon strings.
- **Sand muffins:** Using the sand tray to make our own pretend birthday muffins.
- **Water play:** Scooping balls out of the water tray using large spoons, helping to develop our hand-eye coordination.
- **Jelly number hunt:** Using tweezers to collect numbers hidden in the jelly, developing our fine motor skills and number recognition.
- **Playdough cupcakes:** Moulding our own cupcakes using playdough and decorating them with candles.
















Our outdoor activities have included:

- **Colour sorting:** Sorting the coloured bears into the matching bowls, helping to develop our colour recognition and matching skills.
- **Birthday tea party:** Using our imaginations to enjoy a special birthday tea party together on the stage.
- **Balancing:** Practising our balancing skills as we explored the climbing frame.
- **Climbing:** Developing our confidence and physical skills as we climbed up the climbing wall.
- **Group games:** Enjoying playing together and taking turns in games of tag and hide-and-seek. These activities encouraged teamwork, communication and playing with our friends.





Some activities to try at home:

- **Sharing stories:** Enjoying a bedtime story together, encouraging a love of books and developing listening skills.
- **Colour spotting:** When out on a walk, look for all the different colours around you. Encourage your child to name the colours they can see.
- **Developing independence:** Practise putting on their own coat, encouraging your child to become more independent with dressing.
- **Counting:** Have fun counting everyday objects together, practising counting from 1–5.

Looking ahead to next week...

Next week, we will be sharing the story *'The Scarecrow's Wedding'* by Julia Donaldson.