



Nursery Rhymes & Jabberwocky Club.

Welcome to 'An Awe and Wonderful Term' newsletter, a glimpse into the enriching learning journey the children have experienced at the setting. This newsletter, aligned with our medium-term planning, serves as a comprehensive overview of the learning and development highlights across the nursery. Inside, you'll find engaging insights, achievements, and activities that showcase the incredible growth and exploration the children have undergone throughout the term. We are excited to share these moments of wonder with you, celebrating the unique and awe-inspiring experiences that shape your child's early years.

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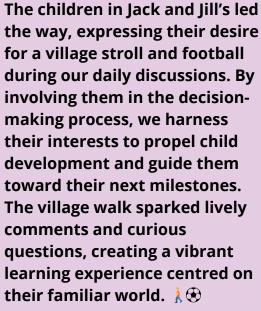
Little Bo Peep's delved into autumn and Halloween, exploring the world around them. Through hands-on pumpkin activities, they honed fine motor skills, scooping seeds and engaging in mathematical counting exercises with playdough. A delightful journey of understanding, learning, and growth!



In Humpty Dumpty's, we open doors to creative play! Exploring paint textures with reds, greens, and blacks, the children crafted poppy themed pictures. Fuelled by growing curiosity, we strolled to the local cenotaph, placing our creations on the war memorial together. Along the journey, discussions about the village unfolded, accompanied by excited little fingers pointing to familiar landmarks.

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Early exposure to colours, shapes, and numbers builds a robust foundation for cognitive, social, and emotional development. In Little Bo Peep's, practitioners crafted a delightful play invitation focused on colours and shapes. Children, enhancing their physical manipulation skills, joyfully balanced objects while practitioners sparked rich language discussions. Together, they counted up to 5, weaving learning seamlessly into playtime.





In Humpty Dumpty's, messy play has taken various exciting forms throughout the term. Messy play is more than just a delightful experience; it provides opportunities for babies to express themselves verbally and nonverbally. This creative exploration becomes a social activity when done in a group setting. Sharing the experience promotes social interaction, co-operation, and the development of essential social skills. It also allows babies to express emotions such as joy, surprise, or curiosity in a safe and supportive environment.

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In Jack and Jill's, practitioners used the power of loose parts to provide lessons about seasonal changes. Manipulating small, varied objects in loose parts play isn't just fun - it's a key to refining fine motor skills. From picking up to stacking, sorting, and arranging, these activities significantly contribute to the development of hand-eye coordination. Engaging in loose parts play together brings an added dimension. Collaborative efforts naturally unfold, as children negotiate, share ideas, and work towards common goals. This dynamic interaction not only promotes social engagement but also cultivates essential social skills. 🍁

From bauble rolling to Christmas baking and festive dinners, the holiday spirit infused our nursery with joy across all rooms. Our practitioners creatively harnessed the excitement of Christmas to design a variety of learning activities. Beyond the fun, these experiences provided children with opportunities to develop across all 7 areas of learning and development, aligning seamlessly with the Early Years Foundation Stage framework.

















