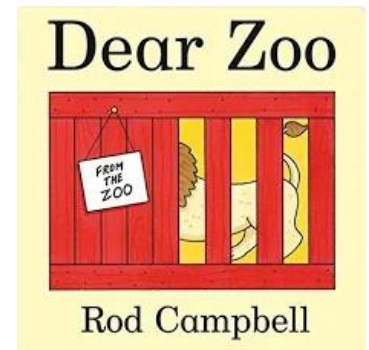


Friday 14th January

One of our favourite books is 'Dear Zoo' and with so many of the children interested in animals it was an obvious choice for this week's theme. 'Dear Zoo' is a wonderfully interactive book that allows children to learn about animals, make the relevant animal noises and join in with the repetitive text.

Through invitations to paint, the children have created giraffe art, 'My Zoo' pictures and patterns on snakes. We have some budding artists amongst us. The writing area has been busy with children writing thank you notes to the zoo, "how do I write thank you?", "I got a monkey from the zoo", and we have seen some fantastic pet drawings too. The children have shown a great 'can do' attitude when taking on the challenge of drawing animals.



The Dear Zoo book has given us lots of opportunities to explore size as the children measured animal figures and matched up boxes and animals. They were encouraged to think about what kind of box each animal would need; would it be tall? Tiny? Wide? So much mathematical language as they discussed their thoughts!

Dressing up

Instead of putting out superhero and princess costumes, we display items of real life clothing and accessories. We really enjoy watching the children use their imagination to create characters and stories with the open ended resources we have given them. The children have enjoyed taking on new roles with a walking stick, netted fascinator, smart handbag, patterned scarf and cowboy hat.

We would like to have more key pieces for the children to further explore their wonderful imaginations and would be grateful for any donations. E.g Variety of Scarves; Costume jewellery; beads and bangles; Waistcoats; Hats & gloves; Shawls; Handbags & clutch bags; brief cases and vanity cases; Shoes clogs and kitty heels; Belts and ties; Flat caps; helmets; Diverse items of clothing, sari, Punjabi suits etc Ballet slippers; clogs; Tutu; Bridesmaid dresses; Dicky bowties; Material for making costumes & outfits.

Invoices are now a week overdue – please pay as soon as possible.

Funding Forms

Please can the Funding Declaration forms be completed and handed in as soon as possible.

Term Dates

Spring Term 11 weeks

Start of term - Wed 5th Jan
Half Term - Monday 14th – Friday 18th Feb
End of term - Friday 1st April

Summer Term 13 weeks

Start of term - Tues 19th April –
Half term – Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd June
Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May
End of term - Thurs 21st July
<https://www.flyingstartmolesey.com/term->

Song of the week:

Hey Diddle Diddle



Makaton this week is:

Outside

(Watch video [here](#))



outside

Value of the Month

Independence

The children have been working on 'being independent' and have enjoyed sharing when they have achieved something all by themselves. Staff have been using the word 'independent' and the children have become more familiar with the word and using it themselves. **"I been 'pendent"**.

We have been celebrating the children's successes, especially with getting coats, boots and shoes on.