

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy **Vyshyvanka Day** to our Ukrainian families. Vyshyvanka is a day that aims to preserve the Ukrainian folk traditions of creating and wearing embroidered clothes called vyshyvankas. It is celebrated on the third Thursday of May each year. Maryna wore a traditionally embroidered blouse to Pre-school on Thursday with a symbol that celebrated calmness.

Our focus this week at Noah's Ark has been **imagination and expression**. The children have been acting out stories with costumes, props and instruments, drawing whilst listening to classical music, trying out some expressive dance and thinking about which movements we could use to symbolise different feelings.

The **loose parts** table has also been very popular this week, with children exploring string, guttering, pine cones, shells, cardboard tubes, and pebbles. There have been so many different creations.

If you are going on a holiday during term-time and your child will have a **planned absence** from Pre-school, please could you email the office with the dates so we know not to expect your child for that period. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend,
The Noah's Ark Team.

