

Noah's Ark News

Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week there has been a maths focus to our activities as we have been looking at numbers during thinking time and in our play. Understanding numbers helps children develop their critical thinking and problem solving skills. And early numeracy skills such as counting, number recognition and understanding quantity are essential building blocks for maths concepts we need throughout our lives.

In thinking time we explored numbers through various games and activities. Identifying written numbers and then matching the number with the same number of objects and writing numbers to develop with our number recognition.

The children have used the numicon shapes to make patterns in the playdough. They have spent time counting out pegs to put onto their boards to make different patterns. We have also had lots of fun with the number tiles in the water trays. We have picked out tiles and run our fingers along the number to work out what number it is.

The woodwork has also been out this week and the children have been further developing their understanding of different maths concepts by using rulers to measure things.

There have been so many opportunities to explore numbers throughout our play including counting the numbers on the playground wall, counting the correct number of bears for our numbered card and recognising the numbers we see around us.

Some new resources have been out this week that we purchased using the money raised from the fashion show. The magnetic road tiles have been really popular with everyone. We have built tracks to run our cars along, or stacked the tiles on top of each other to build a tower.

Its been another lovely sunny week and we have had so much fun playing with the blossom that has fallen from the tree by the front gate. We have enjoyed mixing the petals into pots in the mud kitchen to make different things. We have also used the new brushes to sweep the petals up which are all over the playground.

The Makaton sign for this week, is 'More'

Wishing you a lovely weekend. The Noah's Ark Team.



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