

Noah's Ark News

Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been developing our writing skills. Writing is a key part of a child's development and is essential for their communication, cognitive and fine motor skills. Recognising different letters is a key part of this and we practise this every day here at pre-school. When children arrive they find their name label on the board which helps them recognise the different letters that make up their name. Then they find their peg with their name on to put their coat and bag on.



In thinking time we have been using the white boards to practice writing our names. We have used our labels to copy down the letters we see to write the letters that are in our name.

We have also had the letters out and have enjoyed finding the letter at the start of our name and also rolling out the playdough to make the shape of our letter we can see. This all helps develop our understanding of different letters.



There has also been lots of opportunity for mark making and drawing with paints and crayons and we have had a great time creating some colour pictures.

Mark making is what children do initially, making various lines, shapes and patterns that they create using tools like crayons, chalk or even their hands. This might be a scribble, but becomes more intentional and serves as a precursor to writing.



We have had a great time playing with the keyboards and phones, using the keyboards to pick out different letters and spell out words. We have also enjoyed pretend playing being in the office with our friends.

We have also been making noodle salad this week. We have enjoyed selecting the vegetables we want in our salad and then carefully cutting them up and mixing them in with our noodles. Some children have enjoyed tasting their salad, whilst others have wanted to take their salad home to enjoy.



The Makaton sign for this week, is 'Grow'



Wishing you a lovely weekend.

The Noah's Ark Team.



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