

Noah's Ark News

Friday 12th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been exploring shapes and patterns in lots of fun ways. Understanding patterns and shapes is a crucial part of a child's development. By spotting patterns, noticing how patterns change and seeing how they relate to each other are all central to early mathematical thinking. And recognising shapes plays a key role in cognitive social and emotional development and enhances a child's ability to think critically and problem solve.

In Thinking time we have been making patterns from wooden blocks and beads. Working out where we want to place things to make our desired pattern. We have also been using the whiteboards to make different patterns. Look at some of the amazing patterns we made.

We also talked about different shapes such as circle, triangles and hexagons. We then used a box of different shapes to create our own pictures.

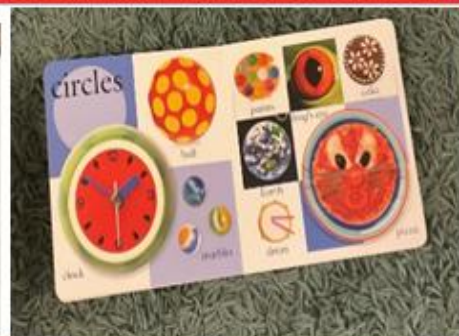
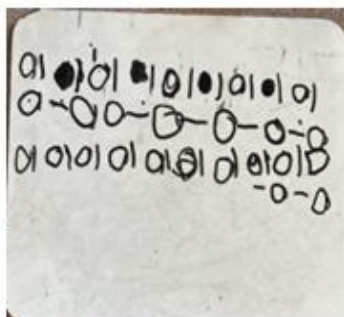
The children have enjoyed engaging with the woodwork again this week. For some children they have continued working on their block of wood to add more screws and beads to build on what they have been creating

We have also explored different shapes using the playdough and the shapes in the water trays.

We took delivery this week of a beautiful bench to remember a former colleague Sarah Mitchell. Sarah worked here for many years but sadly died last year. We will be making some improvements in the garden area by the gate over the coming months and will be looking to rename the area 'Sarah's Garden'. The bench will be placed in here for children and staff to enjoy.

The Makaton sign for this week, is 'Shape'

Have a wonderful weekend
The Noah's Ark Team.



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