

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have continued to use the independent learning board to choose our own activities. We are learning to share and wait patiently for a toy and have been practising asking our friends; “can I have turn/go when you have finished?” Reading the book, It’s Okay To Be Different by Todd Parr has helped us to understand that we are all different, special and unique but that together we make a great team!

Having started our phonic sessions this week, your child has been introduced to the letters s a t p and the sounds that they make. We have been learning to listen carefully to hear the first sound in a word and even tried to think of things that start with the s a t p sounds such as; ssssssun, aaaaaaxe, ttttttop, ppppppig. It is really important that the children say these sounds clearly, without adding an ‘er’ or ‘uh’ on the end. To reassure you, at this stage we are focusing on the sounds heard not how the words are spelt. If your child says circle starts with the sound s, they are correct, even though circle is spelt with a c. A big well done to those who have been fab phonic detectives and have sent in emails of their wonderful photos of objects starting with s a t p.

We plan to run a phonics workshop for you soon!

Whilst exploring the paint station, we have looked at the work of an artist called Mondrian. Mondrian liked to use lines, shapes and colour in his artwork. We had great fun learning how to hold a paintbrush, knowing how much paint is needed to load our brush and how to stroke the brush on the paper. Did you know that red, blue and yellow are primary colours? Next week we plan to mix these colours together to discover what other colours we can make!

Thank you to you all for sending in family and baby photos! We have had such a busy week that we plan to create a family picture book for our role play that the children will help create next week.

#### Home learning challenge

To copy the letters s a t p and have a go at writing your own. Please encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly as they do so. They can also draw pictures or cut out and stick in images that start with each sound e.g. p pens, puppet, pumpkin, party, pirate.

A reminder that we will begin to change reading books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Your child should revisit the same book on Tuesdays, Thursdays and over the weekend. This is to encourage repetition, fluency and improvement when re-reading.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

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