

## News and updates from Clouds, Rainbows and Stars – June/July 2023

### Our Core Books

The children have enjoyed many books this term, including our Core Books. These have included:

#### **'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' (trad)**

The children enjoyed acting out this story in the garden, taking turns to be the troll and the goats. They also made bridges with wooden blocks inspired by photos of real bridges.



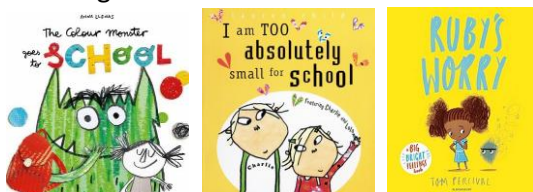
#### **'Mr. Gumpy's Outing' by John Burningham**

The children retold this story using props and puppets, with different voices for the animals in the boat. They made boats and other vehicles with loose parts in the garden. They enjoyed lots of water play and ice exploration and even made their own ice lollies.



#### **'The Colour Monster Goes To School' by Anna Llenas**

We have been sharing stories about going to school and transitions and how this makes us feel. The children will have lots of different feelings at the moment, and 'The Colour Monster Goes To School' and 'Ruby's Worry' encourage us to talk about how we feel.



For more information about the children's learning, please visit

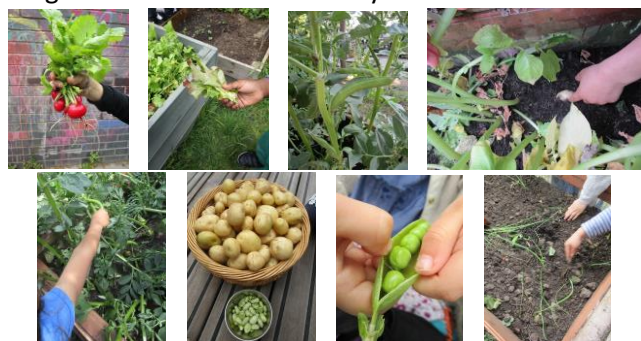
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You can also find out about what the children have been learning on Twitter at

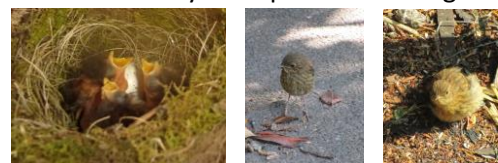
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### Our Garden

The children have done such a good job at looking after all the seeds and seedlings we planted. The vegetables have been growing well and we have been able to harvest the lettuce and radishes for snack time. The children dug up 207 potatoes and picked the broad beans and we ate them for lunch one day. They have also enjoyed the peas at snack time. There are still pumpkins, courgettes, chard, kale and leeks growing in the garden that should be ready in the Autumn.



In our last newsletter, we reported that we had a robins' nest in the garden. We are happy to announce that the eggs hatched and the parents were very good at feeding the chicks as they developed for three weeks in the nest. Three of them successfully fledged and continued to be fed by their parents in the garden.



### Pizzas!

Our leaving cohort of children had the opportunity to visit Pizza Express to see how pizzas are made and to have a go at making some themselves. Both groups had a great day and enjoyed sharing their delicious pizzas. They brought their skills back to the nursery and we made pizzas with all the children which they enjoyed eating at snack time.



## ♪ End-of-Year Celebration ♪

We are having an End-of-Year Celebration on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July for all families from 3.15-4.00pm. There will be music, dancing, food and songs to join in with (see below). It will be a great time to be together as a community, and to have the opportunity to say goodbye to the children moving to different primary schools. Please come and join us for this special time.

### End-Of-Year Celebration Songs

#### 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley

Don't worry about a thing,  
'Cause every little thing is gonna be alright,  
Singin' don't worry about a thing,  
'Cause every little thing is gonna be alright,  
Rise up this mornin',  
Smile with the sun,  
Three little birds  
Pitched by my doorstep,  
Singin' sweet songs  
Of melodies pure and true,  
'Cause this is my message to you, 'bout  
bird,  
Singin' don't worry about a thing,  
'Cause every little thing is gonna be alright,  
Singin' don't worry about a thing,  
'Cause every little thing is gonna be alright,  
(Repeat)



#### 'All My Love is Bubbling Over'

All my love is bubbling over,  
All my love is bubbling over,  
All my love is bubbling over,  
How do you do there?  
●●●● my love is bubbling over,  
●●●● my love is bubbling over,  
●●●● my love is bubbling over,  
How do you do there?  
●●●●♥♥♥♥ is bubbling over,  
●●●●♥♥♥♥ is bubbling over,  
How do you do there?  
●●●●♥♥♥♥ over,  
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How do you do there?  
●●●●♥♥♥♥ over,  
●●●●♥♥♥♥ over,  
●●●●♥♥♥♥ over,  
How do you do there?  
All my love is bubbling over,  
All my love is bubbling over,  
All my love is bubbling over,  
How do you do there?  
How do you do? (jazz hands)



## Special Days

We have celebrated some special days this term:

### Windrush Day

We marked 75 years since Windrush Day by reading stories, tasting food, listening to music and playing games – all from the Caribbean. It was lovely celebrating this time together.



### Pride Month

We celebrated Pride Month throughout June by talking about how we can make our own choices and respect and be kind to each other.



### Eid Al-Adha

Some of our families celebrated Eid Al-Adha, an important time for giving and sharing.

## Summer 2023

We are saying farewell to some of our wonderful staff members and we would like to thank them for all they have done and wish them the very best for the future – Jan, Ruth, Mizuki and Renata. We would like to wish all our families a happy summer and our leavers a fantastic time in their new schools. We look forward to more adventures together in the new school year.

## Evelina Communication-Friendly Award



The staff have been trained in different aspects of communication and language over the past couple of years and we have now achieved The Evelina Communication-Friendly Award (Enhanced Level). A special thanks to Laura who has helped us to improve our communication with all the children.

## Dates for your diary

The **Summer break** is from **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**. Please note that **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** is a **staff training day** and there is **no nursery session** for the children.

The **End of Year Celebration** is 3.15-4.00pm on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** for all families.

The new term will begin on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September (FT, 2PW, AM, PM)** and **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September (1PW)** for the children returning. For more information, please speak to your child's key person or contact the office.