

SYCAMORE ROOM

(3-4 year old room)

Weeks of 22nd June and 29th June 2026

Our RHYME of the fortnight is: The Grand old Duke of York

Oh, the grand old Duke of York
He had ten thousand men
He marched them up to the top of the hill
And he marched them down again



And when they were up, they were up
And when they were down, they were down
And when they were only half-way up
They were neither up nor down

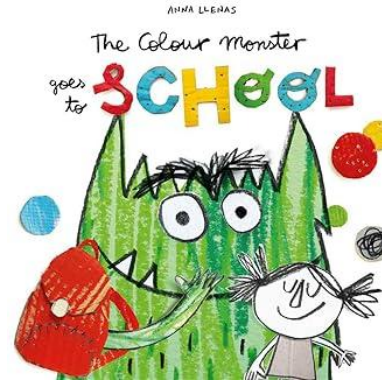
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What to do at home together:

- Sing out the rhyme together using actions
- Watch the story below and sing the rhyme together again
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/something-special-grand-old-duke>

Our BOOK of the fortnight is: Colour Monster goes to school



This text will help children with the transition to school and all the worries that they may have. It provides the children provocation to ask questions and look at how school might be different to nursery. It also looks at school as a new adventure to provide children confidence in transitioning.

How to get the most out of reading to young children:

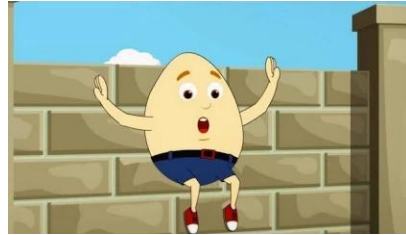
- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. What might they tell us about the story before we read the words?
- Ask questions and talk about the book. Why is colour monster a mix of colour at the start? What happens at school to help him? How does he feel at the end of the story? How do you feel about going to new school?
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story - as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices... your little ones will love it!

ELM ROOM

(2-3 year old room)

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Our RHYME of the fortnight is: Humpty Dumpty



Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall;
All the king's horses and all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

What to do at home together:

Sing out the rhyme together using actions

Can we sing it slow/ fast? Watch the story below and sing the rhyme together again

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/humpty-dumpty-song>

Our BOOK of the fortnight is: Walking through the Jungle by Debbie Harter

: **JASPER'S BEANSTALK**



Nick Butterworth & Mick Inkpen

Days of the week, life cycle changes. Begin to understand how to care for plants and learn new vocab.

How to get the most out of reading to young children:

- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. What might they tell us about the story before we read the words?
- Ask questions and talk about the book. What is Jasper growing, what does he need to help him? What is he waiting to see?
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story - as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices... your little ones will love it!

WILLOW ROOM

(Under 2's room)

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Our RHYME of the fortnight is: Incy Wincy Spider



Incy wincy spider climbed up the waterspout,
Down came the rain and washed the spider out,
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain,
So Incy wincy spider climbed up the spout again.

What to do at home together:

- Sing out the rhyme together using actions
- What else can you put your hands on? E.g Put your hands on your head, nose etc.
- Watch the story below and sing the rhyme together again after

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/playlist-something-special-nursery-rhymes/clip/something-special-incy-wincy-spider>

Our BOOK of the fortnight is: Sometimes by Emma Dodd



In this book, a mother elephant assures her child that no matter what he does and who he is, she loves him unconditionally. It has a particular focus on feelings and behaviours, with very simple sentences and adjectives of meaning. This book also promotes learning about families, love and connection.

How to get the most out of reading to young children:

- Be expressive and show enjoyment
- Use facial expressions
- Emphasise key words
- Point to what you can see on the page
- Count the pirates and talk about what they are wearing, holding or doing.

Our Makaton signs this fortnight are:



hot (feeling hot)

Hot



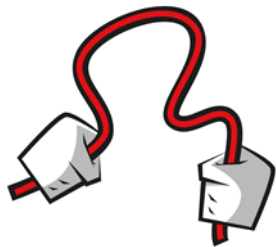
drink



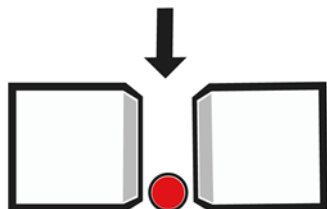
butterfly

(Always remember to say the word as you sign)

Our Concept Cat signs this fortnight are:



Bendy
(Week 1)



Between
(Week 2)

Our UNICEF Right of the fortnight is:



Article 24

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must work to provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that children can stay healthy.

This week is a very hot week and we are reminding children to drink lots of water to stay hydrated. Children understand they have the right to clean water at all times.



Suzy says:

- Be a good role model for our children.
- Children learn from copying the behaviours of those they see around them.

Ideas for home:

Remember it only takes a little to achieve a lot, and it is easy to introduce healthy eating and physical activity behaviours at home into routines so that they become part of your everyday life. Children regularly observe the behaviours and attitudes of those around them 😊

Lots more early years health information, activities and recipes can be found on the Startwell website:

<https://startwellbirmingham.co.uk/>