



Nursery News

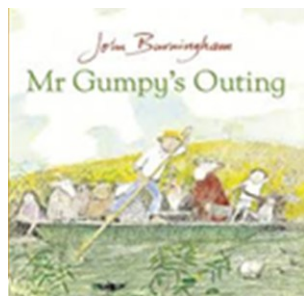
Friday 1st May



Butterfly Release

The children were thrilled to watch our caterpillars transform into magnificent butterflies. To celebrate, we held a butterfly party! The children made beautiful butterfly wings and even prepared some butterfly-friendly snacks, including oranges and bananas which many of us enjoyed tasting too. After several attempts we watched them flutter away into our school grounds.

All Aboard!



Our focus story this week has been Mr Gumpy's Outing. The children have loved taking on the role of Mr Gumpy, giving the animals instructions about how to behave on his boat. This linked beautifully with Little Link learning about the use of negatives, rules and boundaries, through phrases such as, "Yes, but **don't** muck about!" We have been particularly impressed with the children's growing ability to retell the story and describe the animals' actions using **past tense verbs**, such as bleated, trampled, and flapped.

Repeating Patterns

In Maths, we have been immersed in the wonderful world of patterns. The children painted colourful patterns on butterfly wings and explored symmetry by printing matching designs on each side. Outdoors, they used natural materials such as sticks and pine cones to make repeating patterns, as well as experimenting with colour and line patterns.



Read Write Inc.

In our RWI Phonics sessions, we have been revising the sound '**m**' (mmm, mountain) and introducing our new sound, '**a**' (a-a-a apple). The children have also enjoyed lots of Fred Talk, helping them to orally blend sounds together, for example: *a-n-t... ant*.

What to Ask at Home

- Can you tell me a word that starts with the "a-a-a" sound?
- Can you tell me about how our caterpillars changed into butterflies?
- Can you go on a pattern hunt? What patterns can you find?
- Can you use Fred Talk (orally segmenting words) when speaking with your child? For example, "Did you see the c-a-t?" Encourage your child to listen carefully, blend the sounds together, and say the whole word.



Thank You

A huge thank you for your generous donations of Little Tikes cars. The children have absolutely loved using them as part of our **All Aboard** topic.



Date to Remember

Tuesday 19th May at 9:30am – Tempest Class Photograph

If this is not your child's usual nursery day and you would like them to take part, please arrive promptly at the nursery entrance at 9:30am.