

### **Our learning at Busy Beacons this week**

This week, the children have been getting creative, colour mixing with paints. We used cars dipped in paint and rolled them around to mix the colours and make tracks, as well as using bubble wrap with paints underneath, using our hands to mix the colours, observing the new colours they made. We also enjoyed the delivery of our new speaker, listening to music throughout the day, singing along to songs, performing actions and exploring the instruments alongside the music. We junk modelled using empty cereal boxes and water bottles, experimenting with different joining materials, such as tape and glue to attach them together. We explored outside, collecting stones, sticks and leaves in the forest to create a home for the dinosaurs in our inside tuff tray, which we enjoyed playing with, and also spotted some visitors in our pond, in the form of ducks!



### **Promoting independence**

We support children to be independent in their learning and exploration whilst at nursery, appropriate to their age and stage of development, which can also be followed up at home. This allows children to feel empowered and in control of their decision-making and choices. At nursery this looks like:

- Using a range of movements to get around different areas of the nursery, including crawling and walking
- Serving their own snack using cutlery
- Feeding themselves using their fingers, hands or cutlery
- Exploring and trying new foods at mealtimes throughout the day and discovering their preferences
- Pouring water and milk from jugs and drinking from beakers and cups to learn how to sip
- Making attempts to dress themselves, e.g. putting on shoes or coats
- Communicating toileting needs, e.g. a wet or soiled nappy or a need to use the toilet



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## Reminders

- Please remember to provide plenty of spare clothes for your child, as mealtimes and play can get messy!
- As we are expecting some warmer weather next week, please provide a hat for your child for outdoor play and also sun cream if you would like this to be applied throughout the day.

Many thanks for your patience and understanding as always, and if you have any questions or queries, please speak to a member of the Nursery team. Wishing you all a lovely bank holiday weekend, whatever you are getting up to!

*Danielle, Patricia, and Pauline*

