Play & Learning Newsletter

 6th-10th March 2023

**Holi, Gujarati, festival, colour, Spring, leap, twirl.**

Wonder words to use with your child:

We have continued with the Gingerbread Man theme with another great book called The Gingerbread Girl who tricks the cunning fox’s attempt at eating her, the children have really enjoyed the differences between the two stories.

On Wednesday and Thursday we celebrated the Hindu festival of Holi, which is also known as the Festivals of colour, Love and the start of Spring. We used the ‘Let’s Celebrate’ Cbeebies programme to help the children understand what occurs during these festivals. On Thursday we had so much fun throwing powder paint on large cardboard sheets outside altogether, a bit like they do to celebrate Holi (except they throw it all over each other for Holi). Lots of colour exploration and experimenting whilst also having lots of fun. We also had a go at Holi dancing, which the children found very exciting!

 ***Sounds and Letters/language focus:*** *The Flying Fish have continued to focus on distinguishing the letter ‘i’ sound when playing the sound box game and Metal Mike.*

*This week the Starfish have been exploring different instruments and their sounds. A set of instruments were placed behind and in front of a divider and they had to really listen to match the sounds when the instruments were played.*

 **Out & About sessions:** We only managed one out and about session this week due to the very unpredictable weather. The children went to the play park and had a lovely time on the play equipment, challenging themselves to climb a little higher, swing a little further and try something new on a piece of equipment that we use lots.

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| Ideas to support your child at home: There are many benefits to outdoor physical play, and swinging/hanging especially helps develop fine motor skills, grip strength, hand, arm and finger co-ordination. It also develops a child’s core muscles and helps with the development of balance. So encourage your little ones to get up and move!! |