



# Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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## This week at Nursery . . .

We have noticed an increase in toys being brought into nursery from home. Please can we ask, where possible, that these are left at home. It is difficult to keep track of which toys belong to whom, and can cause children to become upset if they are lost or broken. Thank you for your support with this.



We have been busy practicing a dance to the Disney song "Under the Sea" as part of our topic. On Wednesday 26th February you are invited to watch the performance for those children that are in. Please provide plain t-shirts and trousers for them to wear. We will be busy making accessories in the meantime! We will also be recording lots of rehearsals during the week and uploading them to Tapestry for everyone to see.



### STAR OF THE WEEK

Layla



For making every day brighter with her infectious giggle and wonderful personality!

**Well done!**



This week is 'Wellbeing Week'. In physical mindfulness we talked about what we are good at and what we enjoy doing. We used breathing techniques to teach us how to feel calm, and enjoyed pretending to be different animals. One of our favourites was the panda from a story which was read to us - he rolled around a lot!



As part of Wellbeing Week we have explored the school's theme of 'knowing yourself, growing yourself.' We have had lots of discussions about what makes us different, what we enjoy doing and what our strengths are. We have created pictures of flower pots with and thought of all the things that help us to grow.





This week at Next Steps we have been enjoying catching fish! The children have tried to catch magnetic fish using one hand while holding the fishing rod still, - and found this very challenging!

We have enjoyed making treasure maps, cutting around pirate-themed pictures and placing them on the maps to help us find the treasure.

We have explored mark making with a difference! We have used celery dipped in brightly coloured paint to add curved scales to pictures of a rainbow fish.



In maths, some of the children worked together to form a bus, walking around the nursery singing 'The Wheels on the Bus' and picking up passengers one at a time to continue on their journey. The children really enjoyed this, and all helped to count along, learning about adding one more. We had some imaginative suggestions to where the bus was travelling. In one morning we visited Legoland, London, the beach and the swimming pool!



## Dates for the Diary

17th to 21st February: School Half Term.

The school kitchen will be closed, please bring packed lunches.

26th February: "Under the Sea" Performance.

7th April: The school kitchen will be closed, please bring packed lunches.

11th April to 21st April: The Nursery will be closed for the Easter break.

5th May: Bank Holiday. The Nursery will be closed.

26th May: Bank Holiday. The Nursery will be closed.