

# Theme: Story and rhyme time

#### Little Einstein

In Little Einstein we have been singing different songs and learning the actions to them. We have added new furniture into the room including a new sand and water tray, new tables and a new sensory area. Babies have chosen which rhymes they would like to sing using the rhyme wooden spoons.

Babies have also been working on building hand eye coordination through activities such as independence in feeding, stacking rings and empyting and filling containers in water and sand play.

### **Big Einstein**

For the months of May and June, we have focused on stories such as brown bear, brown bear and we are going on a bear hunt. Children are now joining in with simple words and repetitive phrases and join in with actions too. Another story children have learned about is the very hungry caterpillar. Children have enjoyed exploring the different fruits through various senses. In our water play, we added frogs, lily pads and other pond life and sang songs such as 5 little speckled frogs and 5 little ducks. In our soft play area, we have been pretending to be humpty dumpty and practice jumping off the soft play.



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## Darwin

In Darwin, the children have had lots of fun taking part in activities linking children's interests and our theme. The Gruffalo book has been enjoyed by all the children and they used puppets to retell the story in their own words and exploring their imagination with different versions of what happened to the Gruffalo!

Children become little pigs, in the construction area and used different types of media to create and make models of their homes. Our home corner turned into a cottage occupied by Goldilocks and children were encouraged to use mathematical language such as little, more and some for amounts of porridge. For the Queen's Jubilee we took part in a tea party, made our own flags and we learnt about the colours of the England flag.



## Faraday

In Faraday we have had a focus on retelling and acting out a story. Children selected props to help them tell a favourite traditional tale. We were lucky to go to Hall Place and draw some lovely artwork while we were there.

During circle time we chose different rhymes to sing to our friends and a popular rhyme was London Bridge. An artist we looked at more closely this month was Axel Scheffler who is the illustrator of many favourite stories.

Our children took part in International Week, having discussions about our individuality and making sure we respect each others cultures and backgrounds.

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## Staffing

We would like to welcome Rebecca who has joined us to complete her apprenticeship in Faraday.

Grace will also be completing her apprenticeship in Einstein

Chloe has also joined us to work in Faraday

Halima has moved to manage Monkey Puzzle Charlton.

## Dates for your diary

Sports days: Week beginning 25th July Friendship day: 30th July Raksha Bandhan: 11th August Graduation party: Friday 26th August

# **Special Feature!**

Preschool have worked with Chloe to take part in a Kide Science activity where they were learning about how rain is formed and part of the water cycle. To follow up this activity children were able to join in a practical whereby they created a rain clouds using water, gel, shaving foam and other materials. There was lots of new vocabulary learnt such as water cycle, heavy, droplets and weather.



