

# ☀️ Grasshoppers Weekly Newsletter

Dear Grasshopper Families,

Welcome to our very first newsletter!

We're excited to share weekly updates about the learning, activities, and fun happening in Grasshoppers. This will be our new way of keeping you connected, instead of using Tapestry.

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## 📖 Our Learning Focus

This week we explored the story *"Wow! Said the Owl."*

- Each day we focused on a different colour from the book, linking our activities to the pages.
- Children engaged with schemas such as **trajectory** (throwing, rolling, dropping) and **containing** (filling and emptying).

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## 🎨 Activities Around the Room



- **Floor Area:**

We extended the children's trajectory schema with containers, balls, and items to throw. They practiced both **overarm** and **underarm throwing**, building coordination, strength, and confidence.

- **Table Area:**

Pom poms, containers, and tongs encouraged fine motor skills. Some children enjoyed filling and emptying, while others showed impressive control using the tools.



- **Messy Area:**

Collage materials and glue were a big hit! Children loved watching paper and glue drop onto their creations and admiring the finished product.







- **Sensory Tray:**

Each day featured different coloured water with utensils. The children loved filling watering cans, pouring, and even immersing themselves in the sensory play.



## Attention Autism Group Time

This week our sessions were inspired by story *Wow! Said the Owl*. The the book was brought to life through colorful stage 2 activities,

-  Dropping pink materials to create a beautiful pink sky
-  Dropping yellow feathers to represent the bright yellow sun
-  Dropping orange flowers for the orange page
-  Pouring a water rainbow to show the rainbow colours in the book

For the final page, we mixed all of our collage colors together and allowed the children to explore al the different materials.

In **Stage 3**, the children lay down on the floor and we gently wrapped them “like a sausage roll.” This activity provided deep pressure input, which many children find calming and enjoyable. Deep pressure can support regulation, body awareness, and relaxation — and it was wonderful to see how some children responded positively to this sensory experience

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## Reminders

- The weather has turned colder. Please send **hats, scarves, gloves, and warm coats**.
- We understand some children may not tolerate certain clothing items, and that’s okay—we’ll do our best to keep them comfortable.
- We go outside in **all weathers**, so warm clothing is important.

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## Looking Ahead

Christmas festivities will begin next week! We can’t wait to share the joy of the season with the children.

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## Grasshoppers Christmas Sing Along

We would like to invite you to our **Grasshoppers Christmas Sing Along** on **Wednesday 17th December**.

- Please arrive at Reception for 11:25am for morning children and 15:25pm for afternoon children and someone will let you through the main door.
- We’ll begin singing at 11:30am for morning children and 15:30pm for afternoon children, and it would be lovely if you could join us with the children to enjoy the festive songs we’ve been learning.

- Whether the children are sitting or exploring, everyone can join in! To help, we encourage you to sit with us in the circle.

**Songs we've been practicing:**

- ✨ Twinkle Twinkle
- 🎅 Father Christmas Gets Stuck
- 🔔 Jingle Bells

Please let us know if you'll be able to make it—we'd love to see you there!

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