



It has been another busy week in Nursery, The children have been enjoying our current story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. With this story we are trying out something new – it's called 'Talk for Writing.' This particular approach to stories enables children to imitate the key language they need for a particular topic orally before they try reading and analysing it. Through telling the story orally, using story maps, actions, and different voices and expressions we are helping the children to rehearse the kinds of language that will be so useful to them when they begin to write their own stories. Why not ask your child to tell you the parts of the story that we have covered so far?

This week the children have been learning about the phoneme /j/. They have been trying very hard not to add an 'uh' on the end. It makes a quiet, short and bouncy sound. The children were really good at thinking of words that start with our /j/ sound: jam, jellyfish, jumper, jump, jet, Jack and James. We also had a very interesting conversation about how George tries to trick us into thinking it starts with a /j/, when it really starts with a /g/.



To form this letter we start underneath jumping Jack's Head, we go down the spring, back into the box and a dot for his head.

This week the children have also been working on their turn taking and number recognition whilst playing a dice game - they had to roll the dice and whichever number it landed on they had to fins and colour. Please find a sheet enclosed for playing it at home if your child is interested.

Outdoors in the Nursery garden the children have been watering their potatoes, refilling the bird feeders, digging for worms. and mark making with water and paint brushes. We have also been making the walls for our house of sticks using bamboo canes and cable ties. Hopefully it will be finished next week and we can then start to build our house of bricks!

The children were very excited this week to see our tadpoles grow their back legs and being their transformation into froglets!

**A date for your diary: New to Reception meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Miss Appleby will be accompanying the Yr 4 children on their residential trip to High Borrans on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. We will have a few familiar faces from around the school helping in Nursery and doing the door duty until her return.

In keeping with our construction theme, this week the children will be making boulders – better known as rock buns! This recipe makes 12:

**Ingredients:**

8oz self-raising flour

4oz butter

3oz caster sugar

1 splash milk

1 egg

2oz sultanas (or chopped glace cherries)

**Method**

Put oven on to Gas Mark 6/200C and grease a large baking tray.

Sieve flour into bowl

Add butter and rub with fingertips until it looks like fine bread crumbs.

Stir in sugar and fruit, then add egg and stir in.

Add enough milk to make a stiff dough.

Put 12 heaps onto tray and bake for around 15 minutes or until golden and cooked through.

We hope you have a great weekend! See you all on Monday,  
The Nursery Team

