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### **Nursery Newsletter**

This week we are going to be...

finishing off our activities around Humpty Dumpty and moving on to our second nursery rhyme of the term, The Grand Old Duke of York. We will be sending the Nursery Rhyme home again and it is already evident who has had Humpty Dumpty shared with them as those children are notably more aware of print and its directionality.

The paintings of Humpty Dumpty were very good and we will branch out to other notables in the rhyme. Children shall be choosing whether they want to paint one of the King's horses, one of the King's men or the King himself. This activity is good for showing children the correct way to hold a mark-making tool as well as making them think about which colours to use and developing their fine motor skills.

Sequencing of the rhyme will take place and the children asked to work out the correct order a series of pictures need to go in to correctly retell the story of the unfortunate Mr Dumpty's demise. Once they are sorted into the correct order, they can be stuck on to a strip of paper.

We then move on to the Grand Old Duke of York and use the up and down sections of the rhyme as a way of introducing positional language such as up, down, behind, on top etc. Different objects are going to be hidden around the room and children given spoken instructions on how to find them. Those children able to follow the instructions well, will be given the opportunity to hide objects and instruct their friends on how they can be found.

The snails have been sorely neglected since we returned from the Christmas holidays so we will be spending some time observing them, describing them and starting to keep a chart on the type of food they prefer. Paper and pencils will be left nearby for the children to do observational drawings of them.

There has been some cases of chicken pox in the Nursery and more children are likely to succumb. The rash normally starts on the stomach and chest area though it is generally very mild at this age.

Finally, a very happy birthday to Louis and Theo who share a 22<sup>nd</sup> January birthday.

The Nursery