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# Horn End News

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## Letters and Sounds

At Horn End Nursery children take part in a high-quality communication, language and literacy development programme (CLLD) designed to promote every child's learning through a play-based approach. A phonics teaching programme called *Letters and Sounds* is used to support the teaching of CLLD in settings and schools. It builds on the activities the children have already experienced in the setting. The children learn through lots of play and activities and are encouraged to use their increasing phonics knowledge in freely chosen activities.

- Pointing out various noises when indoors, outdoors and on trips and encouraging children to copy noises.
- Outdoor music centre with various kitchen objects, to create their own musical sounds.
- Nursery rhyme sound game
- Asking open-ended questions about sounds
- Name the instrument game
- Loud/quiet/fast/slow with instruments
- Animal sounds game
- Various songs through-out the day
- Rhyme songs
- Different types of music playing through-out the day
- Rhyming books
- Clapping to the beat and to our names
- We have sent home a book of the children's favourite songs, which they chose themselves
- Encourage children to finish the sentences in stories or songs
- Sound boxes used at circle time
- Lots of different voice sounds through-out the day
- Using the sound boards
- Telling stories using voices and encourage the children to re-tell the story using a different voice
- Jo jingles

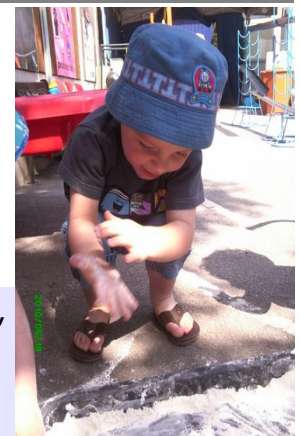
## EXCITING IMPROVEMENTS

**We are currently waiting for planning permission to erect a permanent outdoor canopy and improve access to outdoor play with new doors leading directly from the Toby Talls room. We are hoping work will start on this project in the next month. Watch this space!**

During this activity Cameron was, seeking to make sense of what he could see, hear, smell, touch and feel.

## Special points of interest

- ∅ Letters and sounds
- ∅ Activities and special days
- ∅ Stay and play
- ∅ Tesco vouchers



## Stay and Play

It was lovely to see parents taking the opportunity to stay and play last month. We plan to have a stay and play day every month. Our next stay and play will be on Thursday 17th June 2010 from 8.00-9.00 am

If the dates or times are not convenient to you don't worry parents are welcome anytime. Just give me a call. **Emma**

## Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June**- Baby Smalls will be making pizza for their tea.
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**-Tommy Thumbs will be playing with ice in water.
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June**- Toby Talls will be making animal masks.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**- Baby Smalls will be having water balloon play! Toby Talls will be playing guess the animal games.
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June**- Tommy Thumbs will be painting with tea bags. Toby Talls will be learning "The birdie song" and dance.
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June**- Tommy Thumbs and all rooms will be making Fathers Day surprises throughout the week. Baby Smalls will be going on a trip to the travel agents in the afternoon.
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June**- Could Toby Talls come dressed as different animals for animal day!
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**- Baby Smalls will be having a Caribbean Day, please come dressed in bright colours! Toby Talls will be learning to walk on stilts!
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June**-Tommy Thumbs will be having a Beach Party, please come dressed in beach clothes. Toby Talls will be visiting the pet shop in the afternoon.

Evie had a lovely time on the swings during Baby Smalls trip to the park.

The Baby Smalls were able to develop their physical skills by beginning to crawl, pull to stand, creep, shuffle, walk or climb on the swings and slides!



## Managers memo

Tesco vouchers  
Thank you so much for your help we have managed to raise over two thousand vouchers !!!! This will enable us to chose some free equipment for the children at Horn End .  
Also please do not forget to supply us with a bottle of sun cream and sun hat to remain at nursery  
Thank you for your continued help and support  
Emma

**Horn End Nursery Premises At**  
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& Wharf Road, Rugeley.

We can now e-mail photos to you of your child at nursery. Please make sure we have your correct email address

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