

This week in Maple

We Are a Community Week

Book of the week: Little Glow , The Smartest Giant in Town , Stick Man 	Rhyme of the week: Finger Family 	Happy Thought: I belong here 	Sign of the week: Drink 
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In Maths we will be:

- Using subitising plates and small bags of objects to recognise amounts 1–5 without counting.
- Playing quick-flash number games where children show the amount on their fingers.
- Exploring positional language by hiding and finding toys in, on, under, and behind different objects.
- Making small groups of 1–5 using blocks, animals and natural materials during play.

In Phonics we will be:

- Listening to and copying different body percussion sounds like clapping, stamping and tapping.
- Playing listening games to help children hear and respond to sounds around them.
- Joining in with sound pattern games such as clap–clap–stamp.
- Enjoying songs and rhymes to build rhythm, repetition and early sound awareness.

Learning opportunities:

This week in our enhanced and continuous provision, the children will have opportunities to:

- Exploring light and dark in our dark den using torches, fairy lights and reflective materials.
- Investigating water flow using plumbers' pipes, tubes and funnels in the water tray.
- Using lentils for scooping and pouring to build early maths and fine motor skills.
- Creating Stick Man models and snowflakes to display in our nursery advent window.
- Enjoying role play with hats, scarves and giant clothes inspired by The Smartest Giant in Town.
- Taking part in the 'Living at Number 4' drama workshop, bringing stories and characters to life through movement and imaginative play.

Help at Home:

Dressing for the Weather

Try on hats, scarves or gloves together and talk about who they belong to and when we need them — just like the Giant helping his friends in The Smartest Giant in Town. You can also talk about which clothes we need now the weather is getting colder and encourage your child to have a go at putting these on independently. You might even dress a teddy or doll together to show how these items help to keep us warm.



We are here to help. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to your child's keyworker or any of the staff in Maple.