



## News Story - Celebrating Children's Interests

At Honeybee Nursery we spent the week celebrating children's individual interests, with both Preschool and Toddler groups taking part in creative, sensory, and story-led activities designed to deepen curiosity and support early development.



**In Preschool**, the week opened with sunflower printing using potatoes carved into petal shapes, giving children the chance to explore texture and pattern in a hands-on way. Midweek, a child's fascination with caterpillars inspired a collaborative art project, where children used syringes to transfer coloured water onto cotton pads to build a giant caterpillar. Staff highlighted the strong fine-motor practice and teamwork shown throughout the activity.

The dinosaur theme returned later in the week, with children experimenting with dinosaur printing and taking part in a colour matching dinosaur egg activity. These sessions supported early math's, colour recognition and hand-eye coordination while keeping the learning playful and engaging.

**In Toddlers Group**, children explored their interests through sensory-rich experiences. Pretend play with real vegetables in the home corner encouraged imaginative thinking and language development as toddlers acted out the role of a chef. A summer-drinks activity allowed children to crush, squeeze, and mix fruits and vegetables, discovering new scents and textures while experimenting with their own creations.



The week concluded with a caterpillar story session, where toddlers fed the caterpillar along the story's journey and practiced counting, blending literacy with early numeracy in a fun, interactive way.

