



News Story - International Picnic Day

To celebrate International Picnic Day, the children throughout the nursery enjoyed a variety of picnic-themed activities that encouraged learning, creativity, and social interaction.

The children experienced a real picnic by enjoying snack time together, both indoors and outdoors in the warm Summer weather. They shared a variety of snacks with their friends and staff, discussing the different foods they were eating, their likes and dislikes, and what makes a picnic special. This helped to develop their communication skills and understanding of the world around them.

In the construction area, the children helped dinosaurs find their way to a picnic by building routes and pathways, encouraging problem-solving skills and imaginative play. At the maths table, they took part in a fun "Number Barbecue" activity, using spatulas and spoons to pick up numbers and place them in the correct sequence, supporting their counting and number recognition skills.



In the messy play area, the children used toy food from the home corner to create picnic-themed prints. By dipping the food items into paint and pressing them onto paper, they explored different shapes, textures, and mark-making techniques while developing their creativity and fine motor skills. The children also enjoyed role-playing picnic experiences in the home corner, inspired by the story *Whatever Next!* by Jill Murphy. They shared pretend picnics with a teddy bear, just like the bear in the story who travels to the moon for a picnic. This encouraged imaginative play, storytelling, and positive social interactions with their peers.

