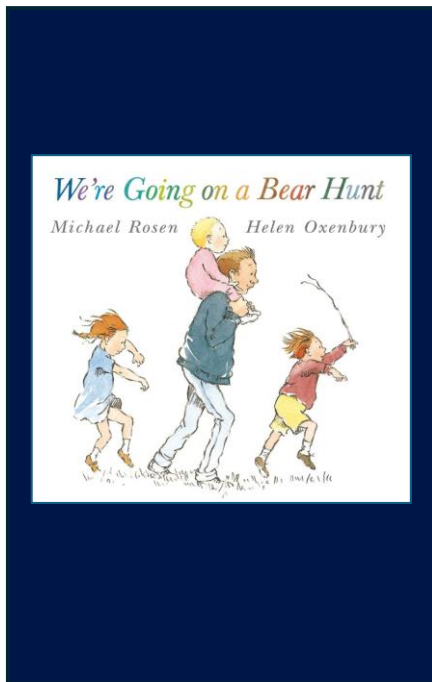


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## Thinking About *Children's Mental Health Week*



It was **Children's Mental Health Week** last week, and the children took a closer look at the popular book, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.

In the book, the main group of characters encounter a number of pretty scary obstacles whilst going on their hunt - such as a snowstorm, thick mud, a forest and a cave.



Each time they recognise that they, "can't go under it, they can't go over it, they'll have to go through it".

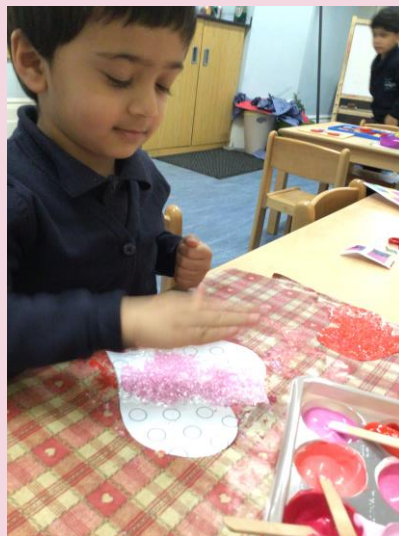
This got the children talking about different emotions, and how to view our every day challenges when they arise.

The lesson was rounded off with some muddy sensory play!



## Happy Valentine's Day!

Love was all around us at Broadhurst this week, as the children got involved in some squishy, sparkly and colourful Valentine's themed arts and crafts!



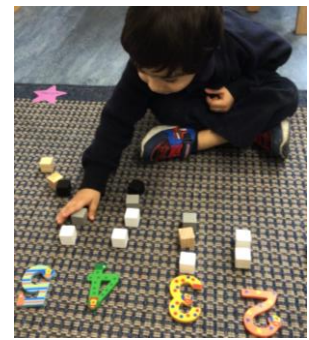


## SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK: *'Maths Mastery'*

### How We Can Help Our Children To Attain A Mastery Of Maths

Here are some pictures of the children exploring and learning maths last week.

The essential principle behind high quality mathematics teaching in the early years is to focus upon 'deepening', and not 'accelerating', learning.



In order to master the subject, and for them to develop their mathematical understanding, children will require a bit of time to make different connections in their heads. They will also need a chance to explore independently.

Here at Broadhurst, we provide our children with many opportunities within both the indoor and outdoor environments to develop and deepen their mathematical understanding – as well as through our direct teaching sessions.

# SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK



Different contexts for children to explore the same mathematical idea can occur through a range of exercises. These can include practical experiences, pictorial or visual examples, and also via the introduction of mathematics equipment.


In the early years, children are also encouraged to communicate to others their 'mathematical thinking' to help them to master maths.



This can be done through the manipulation of resources or through gestures, pointing, body language, mark-making and conversation.

Providing opportunities for them to explore different concepts by using practical hands-on resources is important for them to master the subject, and these will also help develop the children's problem solving skills.

## NOTES TO PARENTS

Don't forget to follow Broadhurst on Instagram and Facebook!  @broadhurstschool

### Dates for the diary:

- Half Term: 17 – 21 February
- World Book Day: 6 March – we invite the children to dress up in costume or as their favourite character from their favourite book!

***Have a great half term from all at Broadhurst!***

