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# JANUARY NEWSLETTER

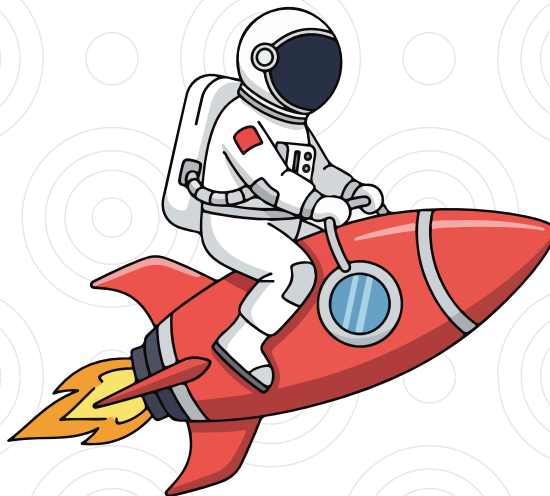
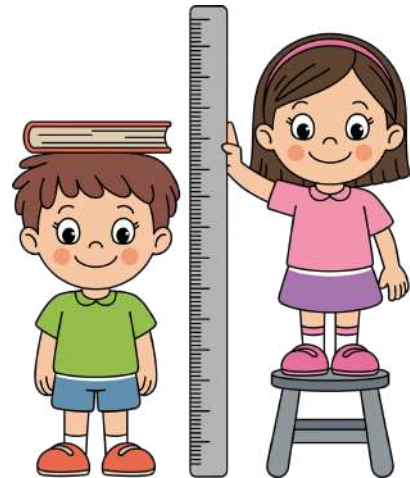
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What did we get up to this month?  
Take a look!

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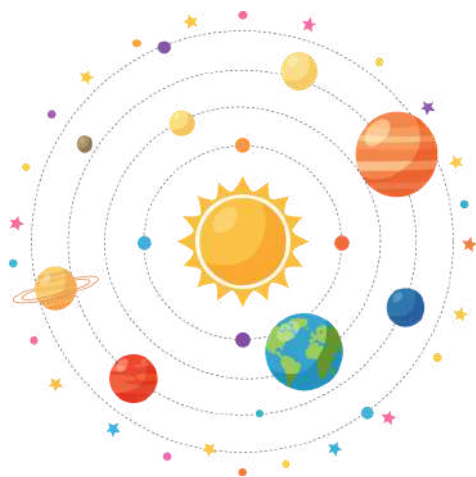
## WHAT WE LEARNED

In January we learned all about our numbers and the many different places where we use them to make sense of our world. We traced the sandpaper numbers with our fingers, we measured ourselves to see how tall we were, we looked at time passing on the clock, we played with the calculator and thermometers and we learned new number songs, counting forwards and backward. We chatted about different modes of transport especially space travel and we learned a song about the planets. We also made boats out of different recyclables and put them in water to see which ones would float and which would sink. The boat made of cardboard soaked up the water and sank to the bottom of the tray.



## WHAT WE MADE

We made a planet collage which we hung from the ceiling along with very colourful rocket ships. We dressed up as Astronauts and Catherine took our photos. We also coloured Helicopters and made a Hot Air balloon collage. We put this on the wall with pictures of us all standing in the basket. We also made boats and did a sea scape to stick them on.



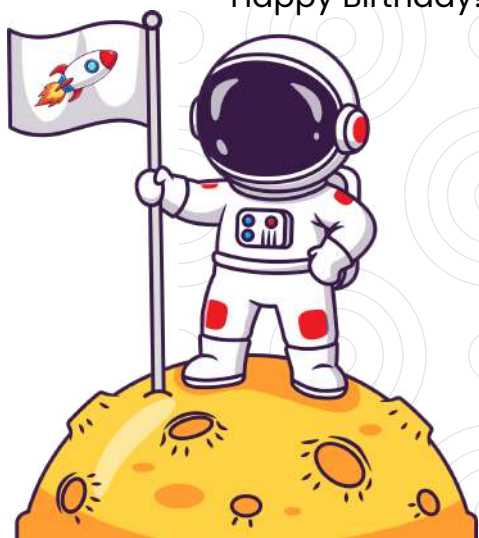
## OUR FAVOURITE THING

Our favourite thing was learning all about the planets. We enjoyed the new songs and all the colourful art activities. We decorated the walls and ceiling with our work and our room looks really nice.



## BIRTHDAYS

This month we celebrated Ollie Bourke and Ben Murray birthday. Happy Birthday!





## WHAT WE LEARNED

It is January and we are back from our Christmas holidays! We had lots of news about what Santa brought us.

We are learning our numbers and letters this month. We played hide and seek with our numbers, traced them in rice, and sponge painted spots: matching to our numbers.



We have been learning about sounds of the week, so far we have learned about the shape and sound of a, s, f, d and c the words that begin with those sounds, and we knew if some of us had that sound at the start of our names, and our mammy or daddy's name.





## WHAT WE MADE

We have been look after our birds again because it is so cold, we recycled our milk cartons, and we made bird feeders filled with seeds to bring home to hang in our gardens for the hungry birds.



We covered our slide in long paper and dipped our outdoor cars in paint and rolled them down the slide to make colourful track paintings.

We had fun playing with mini toys in our mini sensory trays, we made mini jungles out of them for our animals to explore.



## OUR FAVOURITE THING

Our favourite thing this month was our outdoor game balancing and holding on. The teachers had a long stick and we had to hold on tight while they walked and we tested how strong we were with our feet off the ground.



We had great fun indoors too playing limbo with the giant skipping rope, trying not to touch the rope as we went under it, and the rope got lower and lower!



We had fun too playing targets with a ball and a cool soccer goal picture, we scored lots of points!





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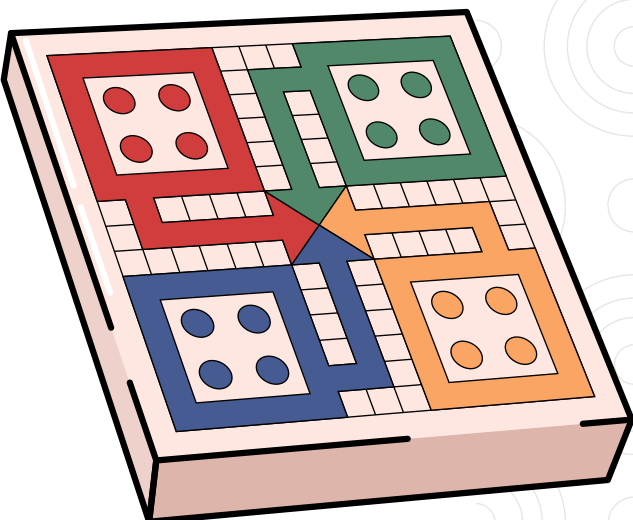
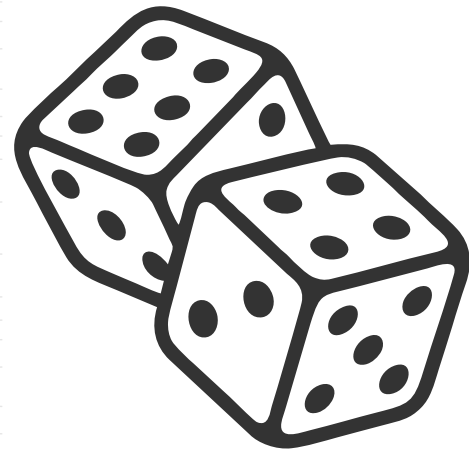
Welcome back! Happy New Year!

We practiced our creative and drama skills playing charades

We learned about St. Brigid, a special and kind woman who loved animals and nature and is known for welcoming the spring. We listened to a wonderful story about her magical cloak. While making a straw flute, we also discovered that using different sizes of straw can create different sounds.

We have been getting dramatic and creative this month playing charades. Some of the new cards have been very tricky to guess, it has been good fun practicing our communication skills without speaking.

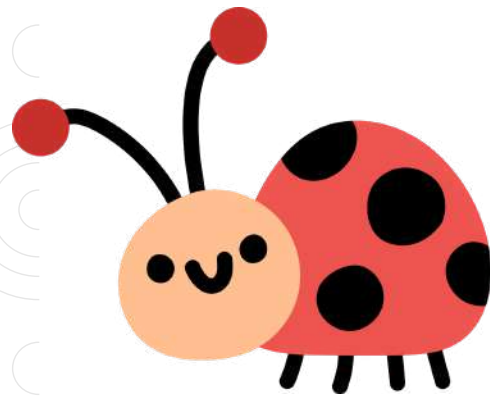
We have been having Ludo tournaments in the morning at breakfast club and in the afternoon. We have been having fun with our giant dice, and figured out that if you roll the handmade dice a certain way it is easier to get a 6! It has been good fun capturing our friends and sending them back home!



# AFTERSCHOOL

## WHAT WE MADE

With a basket full of props, we let our imaginations run free at the art station and created all sorts of things, including bags and present boxes. We also made ladybugs, penguins, and even a butterfly with moving wings.



All the children were little artists this month! With spring fast approaching we made artwork that displayed each of the children's ideas of what spring is to them through painting and drawing.

We have been missing the warm sun and on our first morning back we made a group painting of the beach



## OUR FAVOURITE THING

Well, we have so many things to list here: we love to do a yoga for relaxing, play snowball fight.

We spoke a lot about the new year at the beginning of January and decided as a group we would make our very own 'New Year's Wishes' board where we wrote down all of our hopes for 2026 through art and writing and displayed them on our wall!



## BIRTHDAYS

This month we celebrated Sally, Jaime S, Ayla and Liadh Birthday. Happy Birthday!





Caterpillar Kids

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# THAT'S ALL FOR JANUARY!

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*We'll see you next month!*



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