



Activities at Home

Project: “Splish, Splash, splosh”

Dear Parents,

The activity for week: 5 beginning: 13th May is: ‘Water lilies’

The activity we will be covering involves:

- Discussion about water lilies, what they are and where they grow
 - Learn new vocabulary and communicating ideas and thoughts
 - Encouraging critical thinking
 - Developing fine motor skills
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Our activity includes:

- Read “Katie and the Waterlily Pond” by James Mayhew to the children
 - Start a conversation about what water lilies are and where they grow
 - Introduce the children to Claude Monet and the most famous water lily pond in the world, located in Giverny, France
 - Talk to the children about imagination and creativity
 - Encourage the children to participate in a craft activity depicting a pond with water lilies and playing with waterlilies in a sensorial tray
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You might wish to help your child to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about. Please feel free to approach the teachers for further explanations.

Our suggested activities are:

- Visit the Waterlily House in Kew gardens or other parks and gardens that have water lilies such as Wimbledon Common
- Go to the National Gallery to see Claude Monet’s “WaterLily Pond” and his other paintings
- Read other stories such as “**The Hopping Frog And The Flipping Waterlily**” by Molly Sevaru ; “**The Waterlily Fairy**” by Mary Ann Vitale; “**Claude Monet: Sunshine And Waterlilies**” by True Kelly ; “**Monet’s Cat**” by Lily Murray and Becky Cameron; “**The Magical Garden of Claude Monet** ” by Laurence Anholt, or “**Where is the Frog?: A Children's Book Inspired by Claude Monet** ” by Geraldine Elschner
- Visit the local library and read and look some non-fiction books about Claude Monet and his art, as well as books about waterlilies and pond

Big question:

Ask your child:

What lies at the bottom of a pond?