

CHOLSEY PRE-SCHOOL

Newsletter 5
October 9th

This week we have.....

Been looking at Apples! We have been discussing how apples and other fruit and vegetables are harvested. Faye set up a Small World scene with a farm yard, animals and tractors in the tough tray, the children then adapted this to their play adding loose parts and taking it in different directions.

We have been looking at what happens to apples when they are cut open and exposed to the air. How do they feel? What do they look like?

We tasted some different apples and had a taste of apple juice.

We have also used apples and some lovely autumnal colours to do some printing in the art area. We read the story 'Orange Pear, Apple Bear'.

Also been investigating the inside of a Butternut Squash, how it feels, what it smells like and the colour. This investigation leads to great conversations, questions and learning.

Been using gross motor skills by doing some Javelin throwing along a number line, so as well as being a great physical activity we were also looking at numbers! How far could we throw the Javelins? Could we throw further? What number did they land on?

Been mark making outside with big chalk and paint brushes and water, through this we had some marks, pictures and patterns.

Been weighing measuring and sorting using scales, tweezers and blank squares.

Been talking about Space, and learning about the planets, and where we live. We have built our own space station and had a projector in it which projected the stars all around, it was great fun being in the space station looking at the stars.

We spoke about the first Black Male and Female Astronauts who went into space, Guion Bluford and Mae Jemison, we learnt about what they did and how many times they went into space.

Next week we are looking at Mushrooms.



Dates for your Diary (please check Newsletters and online Notice Board for updates)

Half Term

- Pre-School Finishes 11.45 am 23rd October.
- Pre-School Starts Monday 2nd November

Christmas Holiday

- Pre-School Finishes 11.45 am 18th December
- Pre-School Starts Monday 4th January

Amazon Wish List

We have been asked to share our Amazon wish list again with you.

Our wish list changes regularly as we are adding things to it which we would love for the setting whilst we go through our Hygge training.

Due to lack of fundraising opportunities because of COVID-19 we have been unable to purchase these ourselves.

So, thank you in advance and here is the link https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/18V7A7A7E605D/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

Wee and Poo

Now there's a headline, we all know that helping your child learn toileting skills can be difficult. We can all have the idea that my child should be doing this by now because our friend's children are doing it or our own expectations.

Children are all different just as we adults are, we all learn in different ways and at different times and we learn best when we are ready. A child will become distressed if they are made to go to the toilet when they are not ready so it is important to be aware and look for cues that indicate they are ready.

Children can have accidents for many reasons, it is all part of the learning process, and it is a process and takes patience, time and perseverance (only if not causing the child distress).

At Pre-School we do recommend you looking at ERIC:

<https://www.eric.org.uk/our-vision>

Eric is a Bowel and Bladder Charity that provides advice for all regarding all things to do with Wee and Poo.

They have many downloads and tips to help you with helping your child to go to the toilet they also have information if your child does suffer with bladder or bowel issues.

Remember to speak with us if you need to, if your child has trouble going to the toilet it helps us to help them by letting us know.

Please do speak with your GP if you have concerns, they will be able to help you.

There is also advice on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/potty-training-tips/>