

## PRE-SCHOOL

### This week we have.....

Been looking at Fire as part of our Wanderlust: A Nature Study Programme which has been great for as some of the children had attended bonfire night and fireworks locally at the weekend. We spoke about their experiences, how they felt, what they saw, who they went with and so much more.

This led onto some wonderful loose parts plays recreating bonfires using sticks, peg dolls, pine cones, peg people and anything else they wanted to use.

Been mixing paint using our powder paints to see what colours they made and have also been making our own playdough.

There has been a lot of loose parts play, and we have seen a change in the children with this type of play from when they started with us to now. They are using their imaginations more, thinking critically, problem solving, creating and working with others. If we have run out of 'people' the children made their own from lollypop sticks or other loose parts.

On Monday some of the children were looking at and playing with the shape dominoes which led to discussions about shapes, looking at different types of shapes and having a go at making shapes again using loose parts. We looked at circles, squares, rectangles, triangles, pentagon's, trapezoids, octagons and more.

Been speaking about Remembrance Day and listening to what the children say about why they wear a poppy.

Been fascinated with the light box and looking at the patterns on the ceiling. The children have also been using magnifying glass to look above the box to see the patterns on the casing. The children are also loving the twinkly lights and have noticed it is darker in the mornings and afternoons which has led to discussions about it being darker in winter time and lighter during summer.



## December

Carrying this on from last week.

December is a month full of celebrations and we do love to explore all celebrations at Pre-School.

We would like to know from you what you celebrate in December and how you celebrate as a family.

Please do let us know all about them, send photos and let us know your traditions whether traditional or just for your family.

## Primary School applications

Application for Primary School places are now open.

Everyone who would like a Primary School place needs to apply, this doesn't get done for you by Pre-School.

The deadline for applying is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Once again, we cannot guarantee being at Cholsey Pre-School will get your child a place at Cholsey School, this is out of our hands and places are given by the County Council.

We have attached further information for you with this email.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications/make-application>

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

### Applications for Primary School open

This is now open

### Christmas Holidays

Pre-School finishes Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 11.45am, Pre-School Christmas Party (details to follow)

Pre-School starts January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Half Term

Pre-School finishes at 3.30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Pre-School starts Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 8.45 am (or 8am for breakfast club)