

PRE-SCHOOL

This week we have.....

Been Maths crazy!

Played hopscotch, marking out the square and numbers and playing the game. We used the large number line and practiced learning the numbers they jumped on or could get to. This means the children are recognising the actual number by the shape and just be reciting.

Been marking making in the sand using natural resources such as sticks, this is a precursor to learning to write.

Been using our gross motor skills in the sandpit by filling up the large buckets using the large spades and making giant sandcastles. These actions use and strengthen all the big muscles and in return help the smaller muscles strengthen too.

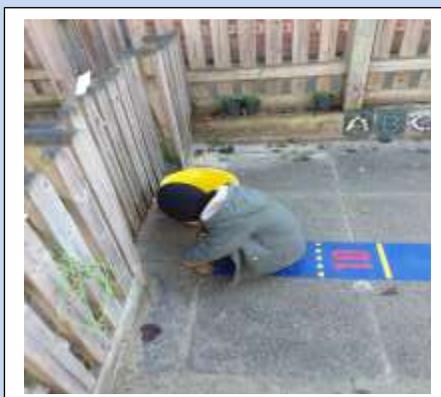
Made a music wall, using the hanging pots and pans and then hitting them with sticks. We listened to the sounds that were made by the different pots and pans.

Made a bus out of the big blocks and found resources to use, such as a circle piece of card, to use as a steering wheel.

Been spontaneously singing when playing, showing how they are learning all new words and enjoying singing when they are engaged in something else.

Been speaking about feelings in group times, how we feel, how we can make others feel and what those feelings may feel like in our bodies.

Been making lots of things in the art area without adult help, showing their independence and trust in their own ability to imagine, design and problem solve.



Pre-School Christmas Party and Friday Finish

On Friday the 17th December we will be finishing a little earlier due to the Primary School finishing earlier. Instead of 3.30pm we need to finish at 3pm, we are sorry for any inconvenience but this still allows us to have an afternoon session rather than finishing at 12.30pm.

On Wednesday the 15th December we will be having a Christmas Party in the morning. If any children who aren't in on Wednesday morning would like to join us, please let us know it will start from 8.45 am and finish at 12.30 pm. We will ask you to provide a lunch and to keep inline with our Healthy Smiles Policy we will provide a low sugar Christmas biscuit for a treat. If you would prefer your child not to have the Christmas biscuit please do supply your own healthy treat and just let us know.

We will have games, dancing and (as this normally happens as the children get very tired) an age appropriate Christmas Film for those children who would like to relax for a few minutes.

Bags for Snack

Can we please ask that snack be put in plastic pots or re-usable non plastic produce bags, such as the ones from Turtlebags.com. We are aiming to reduce the amount of single use plastic at Pre-School and are starting by looking at Snack and Lunch Times.

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 17th December at 11.45am, Pre-School Christmas Party (details to follow)

Pre-School starts January 4th.

Half Term

Pre-School finishes at 3.30pm on Friday 18th February

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