

## PRE-SCHOOL

Last week as part of our Wanderlust: A Nature Study Programme we looked at Stars and Darkness.

We were also looking at shapes and making arrangements with shapes, to see if the children could recognise and draw shapes.

We have been looking at letters, letter sounds and the name of the letters using letters on the table for the children to draw around and speak about.

We have had lots of building, lots of construction, trying to work together as a team and practising these skills.

Playdough was popular last week; the children made their own playdough and they were making shapes with the playdough and then items out of these shapes.

Puzzles were also popular, the children liked to challenge themselves with the puzzles, asking for help when/if they needed to.

We have had lots of water play outside, we have been teaching the children to put on the waterproof trousers, jackets and their welly boots before playing with the water now the weather has changed.

The children were doing lots of arts and crafts outside, finding leaves and sticks and painting them or accessorising them with other art items.

Some of the children have been making Christmas decorations or art work and they have also been learning some Christmas songs.

We have been going over rules and boundaries and speaking about choices and consequences. We have been reminding the children if they get something out, they need to put it back before getting something else out or going inside or outside.

## School Admissions

For children born between September 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 School Admission applications are now open. You must register your child by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2023.

We cannot do the applications for you and please do remember that we have no control over which Primary School your child will attend.

All information is here <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications>



A message from Cholsey Primary School.

*We have found a pair of forest school trousers on the red path. If they belong to you, they are safe in the penguin classroom.*

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

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** Pre-School Closes at 12.30pm for Staff training

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** End of term and Christmas Party.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January** Pre-School Starts