

## PRE-SCHOOL

This week as part of our Wanderlust: A Nature Study Programme we have been looking at the Northern Lights. We have spoken about what they are and what countries you can see them from, we looked at where these countries are on the map. We watched a video of the Northern Lights so we could see what they looked like; the children then created their representation of the Northern Lights using black paper, paint, chalk and toothbrushes.

We celebrated pancake day, we asked the children what they knew about pancake day and then spoke about the origins of pancake day and we had some pancake races in the outside area.

We have noticed some of the children need more help with their physical gross motor skills so we have been outside doing big movements such as climbing, hanging on monkey bars and dancing with rainbow ribbons doing big arm movements.

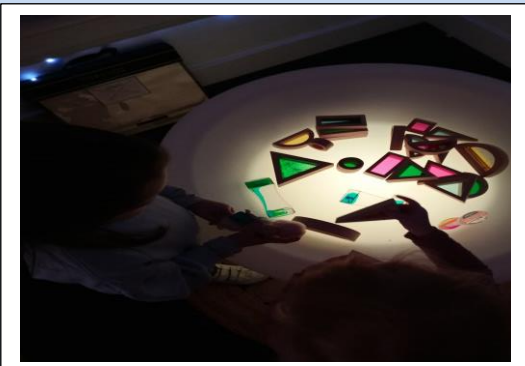
We have been going shape crazy, finding shapes where ever we are; outside we looked at the shapes of the windows, bricks, shapes they can see in the clouds, shape of the gate and inside shapes they could see all around them in the different areas.

The children have been independently been creating their own art outside, painting, painting pebbles, mixing paints in tough tray, squeezing paints from the bottles, mixing colours and creating.

Translucent art has also been a big hit, we had a big frame made out of wood and the children used herbs, rocks, leaves and anything else they could find to put into the big frame to create their masterpieces.

The children have lots of energy and exercise is important so we have been doing lots of music and movement in Pre-School, learning songs, acting them out, following all the actions.

We have noticed some of the children do not know any nursery rhymes or rhyming, so at big group time we have been singing lots of these rhymes, as well as singing we have been learning how to sign them using Makaton. Singing and rhyming is a great way to help your child add to their vocabulary and help with their language, they really love to sing as well, try some nursery rhymes at home with your child.



## Pre-School Raffle

One of our lovely parents Daisy is putting together a raffle to raise funds for Cholsey Pre-School. If you are able to donate any prizes for the raffle, please could you let us know and we can pass the information on to Daisy.



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

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** World Book day, come dressed as your favourite book character if you wish.

**March 31<sup>st</sup>** End of term Pre-School closes at 12.30pm, Easter Holidays start

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** Term 5 starts

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday for King Charles Coronation**, Pre-School Closed

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** Term Ends 3.30pm

**Half term Holiday 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June**