



What we have been doing?

This month has been a busy month! We had our sports day, which we thank you all for coming to and supporting the children as well as taking part yourselves! Not only have we decorated our classroom with some amazing art work, but our garden has had a makeover too- how exciting!

Summer

One of our themes this month was 'summer'. For the two weeks we spent on this theme, we talked about how to stay safe in the summer. This included wearing sun cream, sun hats and drinking lots of water. We spoke about the things you find in summer, talking about flowers, the colours of the leaves, the sun and clouds, specific foods and many more. Then following on from this, in circle time, the children listed things not found in summer, and what season we may find them in instead. As our activity for this theme the children made a sunflower each using beads dipped in paint, placed in a tub with paper which the children then shook to create a pattern. Pictures for these can be found on tapestry too.



Some of these sunflowers have been stuck onto our window, along with the fruit made last month for Handa's surprise for all the children in the big school to see what we have been up to. Others have been stuck to our wall on display in the children's individual workspace. We try to go out as much as we can during the week, as outside play is extremely important for the children's mental and physical health. Going outside during our summer theme really helped the children put a physical image to what they have been learning indoors. This helps with their visual understanding of the topic.

Work in the garden

As some of you may be aware, we have had our garden work completed! A huge thank you to Thomson Sawmill for donating wood to help this project get completed. We have also had a big sort out of the shed and play house too, and would be extremely grateful for a donation of a large rug to help make the playhouse nice and cosy if you have one at home. We are super excited to use our new outside area!



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Sports day

A big thank you to those who joined us for our sports day. We enjoyed ourselves greatly and it was great to be seeing the children having so much fun too. It was so lovely to see you all and we hope the children were not too exhausted from their amazing contribution to their races!



Jelly slime !

We have had so much fun with our new jelly slime. Jelly slime is a powder put into water to make a jelly like substance, which can be used for sensory play. The children loved playing with this, making large piles and squishing it in their hands. This sensory play helps the children with their cognitive thinking; learning about new textures helps their brain to work hard to make connections to similar textures.

We try to use things like slime and playdough to strengthen the children's hand muscles. With resources that are easy to manipulate, children can strengthen their hand muscles ready for holding pens or using scissors. We encourage the children to do funky fingers exercises, which consists of poking squishing and pinching the playdough or slime. This encourages the development of fine motor skills and language skills important for handwriting in the future.



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Water bottles

Just a quick reminder about making sure there is water only in the children's water bottles. As the weather is very hot at the minute its important the children stay hydrated and water is the most effective at doing this.

Key Dates

Tues 2nd July - Stay and Play 9.00am-10.30am

Wed 3rd July – Pre-school leavers Urban Clay visit 3.30pm- 4.30pm

Fri 5th July– Stay and Play 9.00am-10.30am

Fri 5th July – School Fete and Colour Run

Fri 19th – last day – pre-school closes for the summer holidays

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