



What have we been doing this month?

April 2015

We have had a great time gardening this month, we have planted strawberries, and herbs, tomatoes and lettuce, and we are seeing some growth and can't wait to be able to try what we have grown.

Free painting has been the craft of choice, this encourages the children to give their marks meaning and select colours with a purpose in mind. We have also enjoyed sticking and drawing pictures.

The school leavers have been focusing on getting ready for PE and then having lots of fun with Miss Estelle either on the field or in the Lincoln room. Miss Alison is supporting them with an all about me book ready to show Mrs Woodward just how clever they are. All the children are practicing their pencil control and also have someone to one time to complete work sheets or activities every week.

We are learning about initial sounds and are practicing sounding out the initial sounds of all sorts of words including our names. At group times we extend this to words that rhyme to and have had fun making up nonsense rhymes.

Role playing is really popular and it is so lovely to see children forming new friendships as they share their own experiences. The children use the props available to extend their play and adding narratives helps them learn about each other and individual experiences.

Outside we have had fun in the tent. As well as fun it also supports the children with adhering to rules and boundaries, sharing and turn taking. We have also had fun on the wobble boards and making trains with the crates and role play car.

If you would like to see how your child is progressing and their achievements to date please book a date and time to come in and look at their learning journey and speak with their key worker.

Things to do at home:

Why not sound out the initial sound in items you find around the house. To make it more fun try and find words which rhyme and then string them together.

Encourage your child to write their name

Make play dough with different colours and scents

Plant some herbs, grass or flowers and talk about what they will need to grow