



## What have we been doing this month?

June 2015

We have had a lovely month and with the weather showing signs of summer have been spending lots of time outside. The children have loved making obstacle courses which encourages them to work together, problem solve and move in a range of ways. They have also really enjoyed learning to dribble the basket balls which then moved on to throwing them high, games of catch and sitting on them and bouncing.

Water and brushes outside have proved a big hit, the children love making marks on the patio, railings and wall and then talking about why it dries up. As well as being fun it encourages sharing, turn taking and using their imaginations as they “paint the road” ready for the mayor’s visit!

Some of our plants have bared fruit and the children have loved looking at what has grown and talking about what plants need to grow and then where food grows. The child of the day has been responsible for watering the plants which they have taken very seriously.

Inside we have enjoyed being creative using different media from beautiful texture collages to painting with brushes and our hands which then led to colour mixing. The children have loved making paper plate sunshine’s and lovely lollypops which are all on display in the preschool.

Some of our school leavers have taken on the role of teacher in their play and take the register, get children ready for the library and read stories. It is very funny to hear yourself represented by 3 and 4 year olds!!

We have been working on our initial sounds throughout the day and some of the children have had fun playing I spy on the balcony. We encourage all the children to sound out their names as well as other words over the course of the session.

Circuits and library visits continue to be popular and children are asking to go which is great and when we can we try and accommodate as many as we can. We have also been spending more time on the field and in the park making the most of the weather whilst we can.

### **Things to do at home:**

Have a game of I spy using initial sounds, do this inside and out or in the car

Go for a walk and look for mini beast, flowers etc. Talk about their colour, shape, size, where they are growing, what they need to grow etc.

Plant some seeds/bulbs and watch them grow. Make a chart to document their progress

Visit a garden centre and look at all the different plants and flowers, choose some to bring home that will encourage bees and butterflies

Make your own paints using different scents/spices <https://nurturestore.co.uk/homemade-paint-recipe-messy-play>