



What have we been doing this month?

March 2015

Well it is safe to say the Frozen theme was a huge success! The children had great fun exploring the ice blocks and most of them had a taste. We created our own Olaf and had fun singing the songs and watching the film.

This month we have been learning about several festivals including Easter and St Patricks day. We made special gifts and cards for our lovely mums and some of the children were able to write their own names in the cards 😊

The cutting trays proved very popular. We put different media and material out on some trays with some scissors to encourage the children's cutting skills. The hidden object trays also pulled in the crowds. The children had to use magnets or tweezers to find the hidden numbers amongst the pasta and lentils. Not just good fun but encouraging fine motor skills and number recognition.

The play dough has been lots of different colours and scents this month which allows the children to explore using all their senses. The chocolate dough for Easter will prove hard to resist!

We had a fantastic visit to the dentist where we learnt all about brushing our teeth and how the different equipment works. We were allowed to practice on each other and came away with a fantastic goody bag each. Not only was this a fun visit but it also supported our understanding of different professions. We are off to the church for an Easter service; this will support our understanding of different people and their beliefs.

The soft play bricks have been very popular outside, they allow the children to build on a bigger scale, make predictions about what they are going to build and also work together to achieve goals. We found they brought together groups of children who wouldn't usually engage with one another so which supports building friendships.

Paddy Wilks very kindly came into visit us with some army equipment for the children to explore. They had such a good time which got even better when he put them through their paces during a circuits session. It was such a huge success we would love him to come back again soon.

So with the Easter holidays looming why not have a look at some of the activities in reception to keep the children entertained? They can be found on the nature detective's site alongside a lot more fun ideas.

<http://www.naturedetectives.org.uk/>