



What have we been doing this month?

November 2015

Well the weather has certainly been unseasonal and the children have taken full advantage of it enjoying time outside. This month they have been using their imaginations and sailing the seas in Pirate ships, being scary dinosaurs who give you the choice of joining them or they will eat you and the tubes have made great obstacle courses as well as ramps and tunnels for the cars. The sand kitchen continues to be a big hit and is encouraging sharing, language development and making relationships as well as being fun.

This month we continue our focus on using pardon and not huh and using kind words when we talk to our friends and we are seeing some positive results. We are encouraging the children to resolve issues themselves and to change how they do things rather than give up when they don't get something the first time such as putting on their coats.

We have explored Bonfire night by making some beautiful rockets and firework pictures as well as talking about our own experiences of fireworks. Some of our children took part in the Armistice Day parade and were able to observe the minutes silence and we were incredibly proud of them. We have also explored the festival of Diwali by making diva lamps and rangoli patterns using lentils, seeds and coloured rice. If you would like more information about the festivals we follow please take a look in the red folder which you will find in the blue crate in reception.

Sounding out initial letters/sounds has been a focus this month and we are starting to hear some of the children do this in their play which is fantastic. Some of the children are just starting to develop their humour so we have had funny rhymes and nonsense words which make them laugh.

Role playing is very popular and especially registration time where the children model what they have seen staff do and say. It is very amusing to watch yourself being portrayed by 3 and 4 year olds. Role play is great for building relationships, developing language and understanding other people and their ideas which in turn leads to respect.

We are now on the countdown to Christmas so expect a lot of glitter and some lovely surprises 😊