

Learning Journal 14.10.16

This week...we have been really busy collecting all our colours for our different jobs. Every time children complete an activity they get a coloured lolly stick which goes into their packet on the wall. If they complete all the activities over the course of a week we have a Friday treat, which is a class reward for working hard. Our younger children have a smaller range of activities and can get lolly sticks for other kinds of work around the classroom, more suited to their age and stage. This approach engages the children as they are choosing when they want to work and which activity they want to tackle and enables them to keep track of their own learning over the week.

As well as all this work, the children have a daily maths and phonics session and a discrete lesson every week in computing, music, PE and cookery as well as their morning out at woodland workshop. No wonder they are tired when they come home at night. Here are some pictures of this week's challenges.



Literacy and Phonics

Our literacy work this week was all about adjectives and we thought of lots of words to describe the Autumn objects we had found, then put them together into a poem. There were some brilliant ideas and they sounded really good. Handwriting this week focussed on m,a,s,d,t before moving onto a wider range of sounds. We continue to read and write every day in some format and all the children have a great attitude to learning.

Mathematics

In maths the children were weighing with a balance and using conkers as weights. They learnt that when the balance was level the two sides weighed the same. They also learnt about being careful and precise with their measuring and worked on their counting skills. Our number work was all about ordering numbers on a number line then using it to add and subtract. Jumping along the big number line allowed the children to count as they jumped and have a fun time solving number problems.

Other news.....Woodland Workshop this week was great fun. We built a big shelter in the woods below the churchyard then explored the stream and went for a paddle. Most children managed not to go over their wellies and we had a great time splashing in the water.



Help at Home.....

If you are cooking and weighing with children at home, please consider using metric grammes and kilograms, as we use these in school to weigh and it helps children to have some experience of using them. Baking with children is a fantastic way to learn about weighing and measuring and to develop small motor skills by rolling and mixing. It also develops their ability to listen to and understand instructions, and if you refer to a recipe book, their literacy skills as well. If you want some of the simple recipes we use at school please get in touch.

Next Week....we will be working on trees and looking at their structure and learning lots of tree vocabulary. On Thursday we are going out for the morning to Preston Tower to look at some of the magnificent trees there and go on a woodland walk. We will return to school in time for lunch and will wear our waterproof suits as normal. Please make sure your child has trousers and a school jumper on to keep them warm.

We break up for half term on Friday and return to school on Tuesday 1st November, as Monday is a training day.