

Learning Journal 10.2.17

This week....we have been model making, feeding the birds, going on a bear hunt, performing plays, writing stories, doing jigsaws, reading stories, getting very messy with flour and water, and having lots of fun, despite some children having heavy colds and coughs. Read on to find out more about our adventures.

Literacy and Phonics

We wrote amazing stories about Billy the Brachiosaurus in the woods and included a beginning, middle and an end in our stories. We also made cards and wrote messages in them to people we care about. In our finger gym we used tweezers to sort out tiny jewels. This was a real challenge and enjoyed by all.

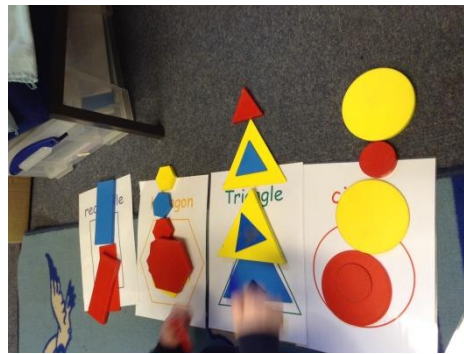
Mathematics

We have been taking away using a number line and using objects to count. We enjoyed jumping up and down the big number line and using counting equipment to take away numbers and find an answer. We also practised recognising and describing flat shapes and looked around our classroom for shapes which matched.



All these activities help to build our muscles and small motor skills to help us to write. I am not sure why the dinosaur is joining in!





Wonderful maths work!



Help at Home..... We are focussing really hard on number and maths skills at the moment. We would love you to do simple counting activities and calculations with your children. You could play 'First to Fetch' where they have to bring you an accurate number of objects to win a prize, or do story maths where you tell a story and include some addition or subtraction. We have story boards of a bus and people and frogs and lily pads for this activity if you would like to borrow a set. Please just ask and I will show you how they work.

Other news.....instead of woodland workshop this week, we made a special wildlife area in our school grounds. We wanted to be sure that the wildlife around us still had a home when the new building started, so we made bird feeders and a log pile, and moved our big stones and pond away from the building site. We arranged the seats so we could sit quietly and watch the birds and we are looking forward to seeing what comes to live there. There are already lots of birds visiting our feeders. Miss Foster also made a bear hunt with the children in the classroom. They love this story and have made a fantastic map of the bear hunt as well as making a miniature bear hunt in a tray and some very cute bears.



Making our wildlife area.....clearing the space was hard work!



Next Week.....there is no Together Time on Monday as we are hosting an Early Years Network meeting at our school. We break up on Friday 17th February for half term and return to school on Monday 27th February. I think your children are all ready for a break!

