



Kindergarten News



November in Kinder..

We have had a fantastic start to the Autumn term and are excited to share some of the key parts of our learning journey with you so far.

Marvellous Mathematicians

We have been practicing counting objects and assigning numbers 'one, two, three, four, five' to these objects in the correct order. We are learning that the last number tells us **how many there are altogether**. Through playing lots of dice games, we are developing the skill to instantly recognise amounts without having to count. This is called **subitising**.



The Gingerbread Man!

One of our favourite stories is 'The Gingerbread Man.' We have been retelling the story using props, creating our own books and story maps. We investigated how we could help the gingerbread man get across the river safely by making our own boats and testing if they would float or sink! We decided to bake our very own gingerbread people and gingerbread Pudsey's for Children in Need. Luckily, none of them jumped out of the oven and ran away!



Shaping up to be Artists!

We have been exploring 2D shapes through art, going on shape hunts searching for triangles and rectangles in the environment. We talked about things we noticed, for example, that triangles have 3 sides and rectangles have 4. More recently, we have been making our own art, inspired by artwork of Henri Matisse and Piet Mondrian. We had loads of fun creating spaces and shapes in our own classroom using string and tape. We had to use problem solving skills and think about how to manoeuvre our bodies through the space, 'Mission Impossible' style!





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We are Engineers!

We have recently opened our woodwork area and have been practicing using hammers and nails to join materials, create patterns and overall, strengthen our pincer grip and fine motor skills to get us ready for writing.

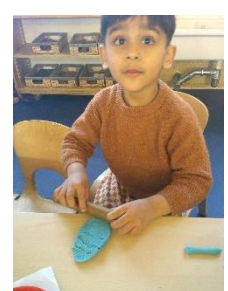
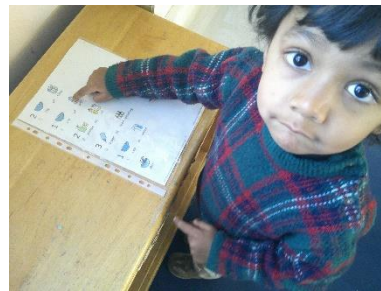


Getting Outdoors

In Kinder, we love getting out and about! So far this term, all key groups have taken part in locally based educational visits. These special outings would not be possible without the support of our family volunteers and we would like to say a massive **thank-you** to all those who have accompanied us!

Playdough Station!

Last week, we introduced our new playdough station. This enables us to practice independently making our own playdough following a simple visual recipe. This supports the development of key language and understanding skills that underpin the process.



How you can help at home?

- Sharing stories each day with your child. Please remember to visit our nursery library in the foyer with Philli.
- Encourage your child to practice dressing and undressing independently.
- Practice counting objects from 0-5.
- Looking for regular shapes in your home and when out and about, for example 'what shape is that window?'
- You can even have a go at making your own playdough to help strengthen your child's fingers!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/z4tdd6f>



Let's Get Recycling



We kindly ask you to bring in and donate any recyclable materials for junk modelling, such as bottles, boxes and plastic containers (please remember to thoroughly clean out first). We are always restocking our wood work area and would love any donations of wood and material that you think might be useful to us (again, remember safety first). Any questions, please see a member of the kinder team.