



Froebelian Practice in action!

There are so many fundamental Froebelian principles showcased in this week's newsletter that it would take a whole chapter of a book to describe them. Being 'in nature', discovering animal worlds, noticing something new in the world around them, finding out more about what they have seen, observing, classifying and creating. Building with natural materials, working with others as a team and feeling immense pleasure and mutual trust through co-operation. This is Froebelian Education at its very best.



Mesolithic Hunter Gatherers in Willows

In Willow topic lessons they are learning about how Mesolithic hunter gatherers lived. They learnt what their homes looked like and what their diet consisted of, some of the animals that they hunted and about some of the animals that hunted them! In their art session they finished off their animal pictures and created handprints on stone background paper in the style of the 35,000-year-old handprints found in caves in France.



Chestnuts take Melissa to the Forest

The Chestnuts had a great time showing their new teacher around their favourite forest places this week and discovered several kinds of mushroom and traces of deer such as tracks and stripped bark. During topic lessons, they looked at animals which have been used across the world for transportation and they came up with their own, fictional, transportation animals.



Who was Ötzi The Iceman?

Elder Class have been finding out more about clothing in the past, by learning about Ötzi the Iceman. He is a 5000-year-old natural mummy, found in the Ötztal Alps in 1991 on the border between Austria and Italy. He wore skins that were sewn together, and a cape woven with vegetation. They tried to weave their own palm leaf capes and worked in teams to create their designs.



“ When similar-minded persons meet in similar endeavour, and their hearts find each other, then either the work already begun is extended, or the work begun by one becomes common work. **Froebel**

Oak Trees find minibeast homes

Oak Trees are looking at homes through time and have also been starting to look at micro habitats as part of their science-based learning. The children loved finding out which tiny creatures live under rotting logs around the school grounds. They found worms, beetles, woodlice, earwigs, slugs and a few other little creatures they weren't able to identify!



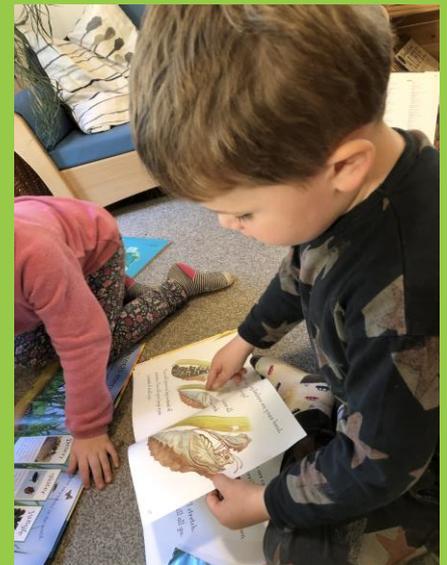
Caterpillars in Kindergarten

🎵 There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf, wiggle wiggle... 🎵

Oh no there isn't!!!... There's a large fluffy caterpillar crawling up Amanda's boot! The Kindergarten children spotted a caterpillar in their garden. Intrigued by its colour, the spike coming out of its back and its fluffy hair, they went off to the school library in search of answers. They discovered that it was a Pale Tussock Moth caterpillar, which can make your skin itchy if its hair touches skin. Luckily the spike put any of the children off trying to pick it up!

Pizza and Prosecco Evening

We are really looking forward to our first school social evening this year (and for some time) on Wednesday. Rustico Pizzas are cooking the pizzas and there will be Prosecco and soft drinks available. Mark will give a short presentation on Froebel and Froebelian Education, and you can even have a go at pricking, stick and pea and paper folding if you feel like it. All the 'p's' – pizza, Prosecco, peas, paper folding, pricking and a presentation what more could you ask for!!



Menu for next week:

Monday: Macaroni Cheese and veggies
Tuesday: Enchiladas and veggies
Wed: Spanish omelette and salad
Thurs: Autumn vegetable soup and sourdough
Friday: Packed Lunch

Dates for next week:

Monday: Elders Trip to Lewes Castle
Tuesday: Open Classroom - Sycamores (Year R)
Wednesday: Pizza and Prosecco evening 7pm
Thursday: Friends meeting re Winter Festival 3pm
Friday: Open Classroom - Oak Trees