



Block Play in the Kindergarten

Leading on from their love of block play, this week the Kindergarten children have been exploring and developing their understanding of size, height and length.

The story of Goldilocks and the 3 Bears was used to prompt thinking about size. The children thought other words they could think of to describe something that is big and something that is small. They came up with a list that included, giant, huge, REALLY big, tiny and teeny weeny.

At Forest School they gathered fallen branches and sorted them into order from shortest to longest.

Recycled boxes of varying sizes inspired them to make the tallest tower they possibly could. They had to work together as a team to problem solve how to reach the top once the tower was higher than they could reach – WOW, that tower is as tall as the ceiling!!



Willows design their own zoos

This week the Willow children had great fun designing their own zoos. The children were each given a budget to work with, and details about the cost of looking after different animals.

They spent their budgets on enclosures, animals, ticket offices, hospital facilities and toilets! They then drew the buildings that they had bought to scale.

In literacy lessons they looked at how to create an advertising campaign using persuasive language. The children created adverts for their zoos, which they then started to create a final copy of by combining words and pictures on the laptops.

In maths they continued our investigation into data handling through using Venn diagrams and pictograms. This was then linked into their science lessons when they used charts to help them start to investigate animal classification.





all children have the desire to build, and to build a house is a universal form of unguided play
Froebel

Book Reviews

Elder Class started the week talking about the books they had read during the half term holiday. The children gave a quick synopsis of the story, talked about the characters, and rated the books out of 10. It was lovely to hear them all rating their books 9 and above and to witness the children's love and enthusiasm for reading. Everyone came away with lots of recommendations.



Fact or Opinion?

Chestnuts learnt all about good research this week.

They used a range of sources to find information, checked that the information matched, made sure to distinguish between fact and opinion.

They then used their research to create huge posters about an animal!



Oak Trees visit the British Wildlife Centre

Oak Tree Class spent Thursday at the British Wildlife Centre in Lingfield. They had a wonderful time and were able to see red squirrels, foxes, badgers, an otter, a Scottish wildcat and other beautiful native species.

The children listened to talks given about the animals by their keepers, and spent their snack time watching an otter play in and out of the water. It was magical!



Shrove Tuesday

Traditionally on Shrove Tuesday we hold pancake races at Annan in the playground.

Everyone takes part in the fun including teachers.

Please could everyone bring a frying pan in on Tuesday containing a cooked pancake!

PJ Party – 4th March

The PJ party which was postponed from January will be happening this Friday 4th March after school.

Nadine will be sending out full details on Monday.



Menu for next week:

Monday: Jacket potato, beans, cheese & hummus

Tues - Tacos

Wed -Mac and cheese

Thurs - Vegetable stir fried rice with edamame

Diary dates:

Monday 28th Feb: Parent Consultations start

Friday 4th March: Friends PJ Party

Saturday 12th March: Open Morning

Saturday 19th March: Community Gardening Day

Wednesday 30th March: Kinderplay

Thursday 31st March: Last day of term