

For letter of the week 'a', the children brought in an amazing selection of items such as an ant, astronaut, apples, aeroplanes, an album and an alligator. We had a good look at some avocados and then painted one, trying to ensure the brown stone sat inside the green flesh.



In cooking we made guacamole using the same avocados. They scooped the flesh, diced some tomatoes, snipped some spring onions and chives from the garden before mixing it all together and popping it into a ramekin with a dollop of crème fraiche to stop it going brown...delicious.



Sarah, Caroline and Tess's groups all made ambulances in their workbooks which proved a great opportunity to practise their drawing and cutting skills. Later on in the week the children enjoyed animal biscuits; they had a fun time trying to name and count all the animals.



More animal fun on Tuesday when the children used paint, feathers and fur to make an animal of their choice. There were crocodiles, tigers, leopards and even a pink sheep.



Our topic this week was all about houses and homes. The children used mixed media to create their dream homes. We talked about windows, doors, chimneys and other things that our homes have.



For messy play the children had sensory fun with paint, pasta and lentils. They enjoyed feeling the different textures and discussing how they felt.



The afternoons have been as much fun as ever. The children used a variety of fabrics to build dens, letting their imaginations run wild as they created some snug dwellings. For another activity they used clay and a selection of sticks to build homes for imaginary animals. We played a classic old-fashioned party game, each child was given part of a picture post card, they then had to hunt around the school, both inside and outside, to find the missing pieces.



Dressing up was as popular as ever for both girls and boys. The "clippy cloppy" shoes are proving to be a great hit! Tess used the iPad to look at apple trees and an orchard before making an apple tree of their own.



All the children have settled in well within their new groups. Do look at the photograph in the hall.



We have had our first RULER session. We've been learning the RULER song and have introduced the puppets which we use to express the different emotions that we can feel.



Orla brought in a delicious cake covered in smarties to celebrate her 3rd birthday, thank you. Alicia had great fun building a tower with blocks and Margaux enjoyed a quiet moment in the book corner.



Friday's theme was The Three Little Pigs so some of the children chose to play with the wooden Three Little Pigs as a morning activity and at the end of the day the children performed their own role play. Lots of huffing and puffing went on. We were dazzled by Theo's Show & Tell on when he brought in bug, which he had made with his brother, which cleans!



Reminders:

- Our letter of the week next week will be 'b'.
- Our topic is 'Who lives in our garden?'
- If we ever use ramekins for cooking please can you make sure they are returned.
- If you have any spare rolls of wallpaper, we would LOVE to have them.
- In Our RULER session we will continue to learn the RULER song and colours.
- Just to remind those who stay for lunch, please can we ask that no hummus is brought in and any cherry tomatoes or grapes are cut in half. Thank you.