

What a lovely week we've had with 'l'. The letter of the week table had lions, leopards, lots of lemons and a "Lily loo roll". Caroline's group made ladybirds: drawing, cutting, sticking and making sure they had six legs.



Sarah's group made lions, drawing circles for the face before cutting them out and using a fist-full of colours to create the mane. In number work this week we looked at the number nine. Having looked at a ladder the children were asked to draw nine rungs on each ladder.



One morning the children looked at lemons and limes and either painted a picture of them or printed with them. We had luscious treats for break this week - lemon slices and lemon curd on crackers.

On another morning the children practised balancing as they carefully walked along the line. They loved it and went back to it throughout the day.





In cooking the children made delicious lemon cupcakes. Stirring, squeezing the lemons and scooping the mixture into the cases. Absolutely delicious.



On Monday morning at circle time, the children decorated the Christmas tree and put out the nativity scene to get us all in a festive mood.



Everyone has made a Christmas card. The children all made attempts to write or trace their names and they have been left blank so the children can give it to a person of their choosing.





Bruce celebrated his fourth birthday with us. Tess's group has been working on a colour book this term which is now complete and ready to go home at the end of term for you to enjoy. Much fun has been had in the garden. Arlo enjoyed turning the new boat into a ferry - we went all the way to America!



Inspired by one of the children's suggestions, the children swirled and twirled sticks with ribbon attached to them. The youngest groups got into the festive spirit as they used their imagination to make Father Christmas's sleigh together with reindeer. Ho ho ho!



Messy play was wonderfully popular. The children played with coloured rice, they poured it, weighed it and filtered it through funnels. Great fun. The boys particularly enjoyed our Fine Motor Skills table this week as they used hole punches to make Christmas decorations.



In role play the children played a game that encouraged them to work together in order to succeed. Balancing bean bags on their heads, they had to support each other to get the bag around the circle without dropping it. Jonathan placed himself in the yellow on the Mood Meter and Wolfie shared William Willow's dairy with his group.



Afternoons were packed with fun activities. On Monday the children wrote a letter, before going out to post them in the letter box. On Tuesday they made remarkable Christmas trees out of sticks and clay, they then decorated them beautifully. On Wednesday the children tested their flexibility as they limbo danced to Caribbean music.



We had a wonderful Show & Tell on Friday when Connie brought in her dog, Mabel. She told us that it is a Pointer dog who is 10 years old and sometimes sleeps on her bed and gives her cuddles. All the other children asked some great questions and then Mabel was rewarded with a cuddle and some doggie treats.



Some budding artists drew some pictures for the Nativity Play programme, while others made make believe food for our role play "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch". We finished the morning with the children trying to stop the seagulls eating their beautifully made lunch.



### Reminders:

The Nativity Play is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am sharp. It will be finished by 11.30am and the children go home afterwards with their parents. Unless it is absolutely necessary please can we ask that you avoid bringing a buggy as this takes up precious hall space.

As per Amanda's email Fancy Dress Day is on Thursday not Wednesday, ready for the Christmas party.