

Southridge First School Nursery Newsletter 22nd March 2016

What a busy week we've had! The weather has been fabulous and the outside area has been very popular. The children now choose whether they would like to play inside or outside and can go between the two areas during a period of free flow time every session. Their independence is increasing all the time and it's wonderful to see.

Pirate Jim set us some tasks this week. The children rose to the challenge as ever and particularly enjoyed creating a den for him by joining different poles together and using pieces of fabric to provide shelter. The teamwork and problem solving skills displayed were excellent! We have also been encouraging the children to think carefully about shapes and colours as they draw and paint and having a clear purpose in mind before they begin to make something. The results have been fantastic! There have been some amazing flags in the painting area and we've had to ring the 'WOW' bell many times allowing the children to show their friends what they have done. We've also seen a range of new telescopes, hats and boats for Pirate Jim. We hope he'll be pleased.

In Phonics, the children have been learning about the phoneme /l/ and the sound it makes in words like leg, lemon, lollipop and light.



The letter formation rhyme this week: down the long leg. Can you spot anything around your house beginning with this sound?

This week saw a new area being developed in Nursery - the Investigation Area. To link in with our phonic sound we investigated lemons and limes. The children cut them up, squeezed them, smelled them and used magnifying glasses to look at them more closely. We even tasted them, they made us pull some very interesting faces!

Cooking

To link with our phonic sound this week we made some lovely lemonade. The children looked carefully at the scale on the measuring jug so we knew how much water to add. They counted the spoons of sugar as we added them and loved squeezing the lemons into the bowl. The majority of the children liked the taste of their lemonade so here is the recipe if you'd like to try it at home.

What you need:

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lemons, 6 teaspoons sugar, 600ml water.

Method:

1. Measure the water into a jug. Add the sugar and mix.
2. Place the water and sugar in the fridge for 5 minutes.
3. Squeeze the lemons into a bowl.
4. Mix the lemon juice with the sugar and water.
5. Enjoy your refreshing lemonade.



In our maths groups we have been learning about 2D shapes and are beginning to talk more confidently about their properties such as the number of sides they have. We particularly enjoy spotting shapes around the Nursery environment. You could help us by encouraging your child to spot and name shapes around your home and as you are out and about.

Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd May Bank Holiday - School closed

Thursday 5th May Local Elections - School closed to pupils

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th May - Nursery parent consultations.

Individual appointments will be made nearer the time.

If you take any photos of learning at home, please continue to email them to Mrs Pringle: karen.pringle@ntlp.org.uk

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday. The Nursery Team