

Another Fun-Filled Year of Early Years Achievements

Early years education is crucial for establishing a strong foundation in all areas of learning. At The Cabin pre-school, we base our curriculum on seven key areas: communication and language, physical skills, personal, social and emotional development, literacy, mathematics, expressive arts and design, and understanding the world. Everything we do at The Cabin is meaningful and intentional, aligned with these areas of learning. We are passionate about discovering new and innovative ways to deliver this learning, ensuring it inspires and excites the young children in our care.

Here is a glimpse of our activities this term:

A Bit of Science

We conducted a fun experiment where children predicted whether objects would sink or float. Each child had an observation sheet to mark their predictions. Older children were encouraged to form letters and hold pencils correctly, while younger ones were guided to make simple marks. They used a green happy face for objects they thought would float and a red angry face for those they believed would sink. The children enjoyed making predictions and then testing their ideas with various objects.

Colour Matching

We created an octopus with bead tentacles for a colour-matching activity. The children matched the tentacles with beads of the same colour. This activity not only enhanced their colour knowledge and vocabulary but also supported fine motor skills as they used their finger muscles to thread beads onto pipe cleaners and their hand muscles to operate a one-handed hole punch.

PSE and Maths

To link to our The Snail and Whale story, the children made cinnamon roll snail shells. During circle time, they watched a short video on germs and handwashing. We discussed proper hygiene practices, especially when cooking, to prevent the spread of germs. The children weighed ingredients, mixed, poured, counted, and used their hands to knead the dough. They loved cooking, eagerly took turns, and enjoyed tasting the delicious results.

Our focus has been shapes and their properties. We've talked about the names, how many sides and corners each shape has. We've learned the names of some 2D and 3D shapes and been on environment hunts to find them around our school. We have created pictures and constructions from a variety of shapes and have sung songs and watched videos about them.

Literacy

We have loved reading and reciting nursery rhymes and other poems, and reading a variety of fun fiction books. We have enjoyed reading *The Snail and the Whale*, *Grandma's Beach*, *10 Little Superheroes*, *My Brilliant Dad*, *The Princess and the Wizard*, and *Supertato*. Using these as inspiration, we have made paper plate fish, twinkly stars, humpty dumpty, bead princesses or princes, designed princess dresses or wizard cloaks, and made little dicky birds props. We have been practicing our writing and continued to learn our letter sounds through our daily Monster Phonics programme.

We also asked the children what they would like to be when they grow up. Carla did a fantastic job of creating a digital class poster featuring their responses, which all the leavers received as a keepsake. It was very cute. Thank you, Carla!

We wish all 16 of our leavers the best of luck in their next steps on their learning journey. May all their dreams come true. We will miss you!

A huge thank you to everyone that has supported us during the past year, friends, committee members, staff, parents' past and present, Woodcote Primary school esp Oak class and Langtree Kitchen for our delicious lunches.

We are really looking forward to September when we will start the journey cycle again.

If you are interested in enrolling your child, we still have spaces available from September. Get in touch via email at info@thecabinpreschool.co.uk. We are closed from 24th July until 4th September, but emails will be checked periodically during this time.