

Learning Journal 29.9.17

This week....has flown by and your children have been very happy and settled. They are learning to collect lolly sticks for their work and are enjoying the challenges that go with these. Our youngest children come in happily and settle quickly and our older children are brilliant at caring for them and helping them with tasks in school.

We have made fruit kebabs whilst talking about the importance of a healthy diet and 5 a day. We have learnt a great 5 a day song with Mrs Hammond which your children might sing for you if you ask nicely!



Literacy and Phonics

We have been continuing with our sound work this week, finding initial sounds for dinosaurs, animals, dolls, and anything else which caught our interest. In reception the children are learning to blend and they read a variety of simple words daily to practise. We have also been doing lots of finger gym to strengthen our writing muscles.



Making letters from playdough! We rolled long snakes, then made them into letter shapes.

Mathematics... We are working on ordering and recognising numerals this week and have played some fun counting games with the maths equipment. Some of our children are great at this and have moved onto simple addition, which they did really well.



Other news.....in RE we are looking at creation and how wonderful the natural world is. We read the creation story from *Genesis* and made our own world using all the different things in our classroom.



At Woodland Workshop, we did a colour hunt and found as many beautiful colours as we could. There were some amazing colours on the trees and we collected coloured objects to bring back to school. Then we learnt about stick safety and practised by building a big den that we could all fit inside. We learned to carry our sticks pointing up to the sky and down to the ground so they didn't stick into anyone. Our woodland workshop scrap book is in our classroom if any parents would like to pop in and take a look.



Help at Home.....we have been learning about eating 5 a day to keep us healthy, so if you can count how many portions of fruit and veg your children eat it will help them remember their 5 a day rule. Young children should also be reading 5 stories a day for literacy development. We read at least 2 or 3 in school, but the rest are up to you at home.

Next Week.....we are going to try and get changed into our PE kits. Please check your child has a t shirt and some gym shoes to wear in a bag on their peg for Tuesday.

Advance warning: Harvest Festival is on Thursday 19th October at St Maurice's Church in Ellingham. The service begins at 6 o'clock and the Splash children are preparing a special part of the service so it would be lovely to see them there. We understand that this is late for some of our younger children but the service is quite short and it is a lovely way for our whole school to come together, especially as we are a rural community and Harvest is a very real concept to many of our families.