

### Learning Journal 30.1.15

First here are the photos of our felt making on Monday. We added lots of leaves, flowers and petals to our felt and had to rub it hard to make it all fluffy. It was soapy and felt lovely and slippery. Our finished work is dry now and we are going to display it for everyone to see.



We put all our individual pieces together to make one big piece. It is full of beautiful objects which remind us of the wonderful world around us.

Our theme for worship last week was Candlemas when the church celebrates the presentation of the baby Jesus at the temple. This festival focuses on light and Brian talked to us about the light of Jesus and how we can shine like lights in the world. We were all given a glow stick to remind us of these teachings and we had great fun lighting them up and waving them in worship. We then used them to pray for people who live in darkness through loneliness, illness, poverty or war, and sang 'This Little Light of Mine' with great enthusiasm!



It was a very special worship time and we all loved our glow sticks.

We have continued to practise blending sounds and writing words and on Friday the Reception children wrote some fantastic stories about their magic clothes. We are moving on from writing single words to writing simple sentences. This is a challenge as the children have to remember a sequence of words as well as all their sounds and what order to write them in. We prepare for this by doing lots of sequencing activities eg: 'I went to market' where the children have to remember a sequence of goods they have bought at the market. We also get them to sequence familiar stories and events that have taken place. Ask your child if they can tell you how we did tie dying last week, or what happened when we made the felt, and see if they can tell you the instructions in the right order. We are also working on our speaking and listening skills so explaining what we have done at school is a good way to improve these. Show your child the photos on the website and ask them to tell you about them.

Just a reminder that the children can buy toast every month on Toasty Tuesday for 30p at break time. The profits from this go to the Daft as a Brush charity and the older children prepare and sell the toast for the younger ones.