

## Learning Journal 6.2.15

This week was very exciting because we finally had some snow and everyone was desperate to get outside and play in it. Sadly by the time we got there most of it had melted but we still enjoyed what was left. Brrrrr it looks really chilly!



As the snow outside did not last long, Miss Pringle made some fantastic ice sculptures for the children to investigate. These were really exciting as they were frozen into interesting shapes and had things frozen into them. The children watched them melt and thought of ways to make them melt faster. They discovered that hot water was the quickest way and enjoyed experimenting with their ice.





This activity involved a lot of observation, discussion with a partner and questioning. One of the things children need to be encouraged to do is to ask

questions about the world around them as well as find out answers. This gives them skills to learn for themselves in the future and is vital if children are going to become independent learners. Some do this very naturally and it is important that we support them and take their questions seriously, helping them to find answers. Others need support in this. At school we often say 'I wonder....' And leave the child to think about it. This models good questioning for them and draws them into the investigation. We don't always have the answers to children's questions but we can show them how to find out!!!

As well as investigating our ice we worked on pattern in maths. The



reception children are very good at this now and our younger children are following their example. We had a very funny moment when we were making a repeating pattern of farmyard sounds by choosing animals out of the farm box and one of

the children chose a wall and a gate! Mrs Hammond was very creative and came up with some great sounds.

Here we are using number songs to practice finding one more.







We don't just sing in numeracy. Our children enjoy some music or singing every day of the week and they really love it. Here we are on Friday afternoon during a whole school singing practice and we are all joining in enthusiastically with a

song called 'Jesus is Greater than the Greatest Heroes.'

In RE this week we learnt how Jesus was a very special person by reading the story of the Loaves and the Fishes. Here we are trying to make 5000 loaves and fishes. The children decided it was a very big job.



Here are some more pictures of the fun we have had at school.



Making things from junk and yummy pizza!



Dressing up and writing stories about our magic clothes!

Making instruments and playing in our own band. Some great voices but Katie Perry tunes are now banned to preserve Mrs Swinbank's sanity.....



.....and the music carried on all the way to home time.

