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Elsworth Pre-School Newsletter
week commencing 23rd September

Woodland walks and vegetable squishing.....

Wow! What a great week we've had- despite the not-so-great weather. The children are settling in so well and we've been enjoying getting to know our new little people as well as learning more about the ones who were with us last year. We are very much looking forward to continuing our learning journeys, having fun along the way!

We created our own vegetable plot this week using chocolate 'soil', pasta, hay and play dough. The children then 'planted' potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower into the plot. We enlisted the help of our tractors and diggers to move the soil around and clear the area. Next we added farm animals (as well as the odd dinosaur and hippo!) and the children fed them and made beds for them. The activity was adapted throughout the week, allowing the children to take their learning further.

Vegetables were very much the 'theme' this week! Not only did we use them in our vegetable plot, we also created beautiful painted prints using them. The children asked if they could mash the vegetables and, after a lot of discussions, they decided that the best method would be to boil them. They then used their communication skills to explain how different the veg would be once cooked. Descriptive words such as "squishy" and "mushy" were used. They then used a potato ricer, a juicer along with a potato masher, knives and pasta spoons to mash and explore the textures and smells- it was great fun!

We went on our first woodland walk to Fardell Lane Nature Reserve this week. It was a great success! We discovered mosses, leaves, interesting sticks as well as picking blackberries. We brought all of our natural treasures back to Pre-School where we will be using them for different activities. We even had the opportunity to talk about looking after the environment when we discovered a discarded drinks bottle in the middle of the wood- the children all agreed that rubbish should go in the bin or be taken home. We will be doing a bit more on looking after our world in the coming weeks.

We finished our busy week by creating nature crowns, using the leaves and seeds that we found on our walk. We also made a delicious apple and blackberry crumble using the blackberries we picked- this made the crumble extra special! We will be going on more trips out on different days of the week so that everyone gets the opportunity to go on one

NEXT WEEK.....

Our book of the week will be 'The Gruffalo'- a firm favourite of everyone! Look out for poisonous warts and terrible teeth!!

Hopefully you should all have received the first game from EasyPeasy via text message. We will be playing the game in Pre-School next week too. It would be great if everyone could have a go and give us some feedback on how you got on. It's a brilliant programme to help with learning, communication and development and best of all it's FREE!!

We are going to be creating a display to explore growth and change. We would very much like it if you could send in a photo of your child as a baby for this. We will then put a recent photo from Pre-School next to the baby picture to compare how they have changed. At the end of the year, we plan to take another photo to put on the display showing how they've changed again. This can then be taken home to keep. We did a similar thing last year and the children loved looking at them and talking about it right up until the end of term. Thank you for your support

Number of the week:

Children can bring in items which match the number of the week (such as one domino, one pencil). We also want to encourage children to spot the number in their environment- this could be a door number, number plate or they may have counted this quantity of objects in a supermarket or their toy basket, you can bring in a photo of these observations, write it down or let a member of staff know, we can then talk to the children about what they've seen. Staff will also be on the lookout for the number when they are out and about and will share this with the children during circle time

Number of the week is; '3'

Show and Tell

Sound of the week :

We decide on the sound of the week based on identified needs of the children. Some sounds are trickier to master than others, so we try to pick sounds to assist with any difficulties which have been picked up by key persons. The emphasis is on the sound, not the letter, which is the building block for beginning to read.

The sound of the week is 'd'

Please can the children bring in an item or photo for show and tell that links with this sound. We have a show and tell box near to the snack trays where the children should put their items.

Next terms sounds of the week are:

p, b, g, n