



Newsletter

Ferring Funtime Community Preschool Newsletter for Parents & Children

23rd October 2020

We have been pleased to welcome many more children to Ferring Funtime and are delighted that so many families have been very happy with the service we provide and shared that with friends and family. We look forward to working with all of our new families in the future.

The last few weeks have been very much a settling in and a settling down period after months away from pre-school and we are very happy to see the children again.

As early years practitioners, we have been inspired by our visit to Italy a few years back to the Reggio Emilia light festival. We now have our new multifunctional space which we have enjoyed using to support children's learning around light, shadow and reflection. Playing with light and reflection provides opportunities for magical experiences for children. They are enjoying exploring light and shadows and are exploring a whole range of theories, from perspective, size, transparency and colour.



This week children used fine motor skills to scoop the flesh from a pumpkin and separate the flesh from the pumpkin seeds. This was a fun sensory experience and a face was carved in the pumpkin. Our pumpkin is now proudly displayed in pre-school and is lit with artificial lights.

We have continued to enjoy outdoor learning; government guidelines suggest that children should spend as much time as possible learning outdoors. The children have been busy collecting leaves and noticing the different Autumn colours. We have used autumn leaves to decorate and make leaf prints and we have also enjoyed a leaf game with numbers.





Our multifunctional space has worked well for us to enjoy small group adult led activities. To help all children to develop good communication skills we have been using Makaton signs. The reduction of noise in this new space is hugely beneficial and a perfect place to learn.

Our favourite books this half term have been “A Squash and a Squeeze” by Julia Donaldson and “Funny Bones”, by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. The children have enjoyed them so much that we have made an interactive display for the children to use when retelling the story.



As with all areas of learning, they take place all the time through play. Children are learning about numbers and shapes at a level that is appropriate to them. We are using counting rhymes and songs to help children recite numbers in sequence and learn about shape and pattern.

There has been much focus on children’s Personal Social and Emotional Development and this helps children to feel safe and cared for. Additionally, children are learning to get on with others, make friends, understand and talk about their feelings and learn about making good choices.

Our routines are beginning to be reassuring to children as they begin to understand the structure of the day and they can predict what is coming next.

Informal Parent Discussion

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions we will be unable to hold our half termly conversations with parent’s face to face. However, if you would like to talk to your child’s Key person by telephone please let us know and we will arrange.

School Admission 2021

If your child is due to start school in Sept 2021 you must complete an online application at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. Your application must be received by Friday 15th January 2021.

Pre-school will close at 3.20 today and will reopen at 8.50 on Monday 2nd November.

We hope that you have a good half term.



Sandy and the Team.