

2-Year-old Nursery - Spring 1

We have had another fun filled half term in 2-year Nursery.

We have welcomed new children and their families in to our setting and welcomed back Miss Drake from her maternity leave, who is looking forward to getting to know all our children and their families.

It was lovely to share photos of our children celebrating Christmas and new year with their families, giving the children opportunities to develop their language skills talking about their photos and recalling special family times using their photos. We welcomed in the new year looking at the different numbers that are in the year 2 0 2 4 and showed our class value of love by decorating and sending new year cards.



Snow Day - We had a big surprise when we got up one morning to a covering of snow over our Nursery, we took the opportunity to go exploring outside in the snow, we wrapped up warm and explored the different marks we could make in the snow and ice using our body and sticks. We enjoyed snow ball fights and worked together as a team to build a big snowman, giving him 2 eyes a smile 4 buttons and a tangerine nose. Once we had finished we came in and enjoyed hot toast while watching 'The Snowman' while warming up.



In Nursery we have been sharing the book 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' using our senses to help us to explore different textures and acting out the story. We created our own binoculars so that we could go on our very own bear hunt around school, we weren't scared, what a cold snowy day. Just like in the story we had to tackle different challenges including, walking through swishy-swoshy grass, through the snow from a whirling swirling snow storm and through deep dark forests being careful not to stumble and trip. On our adventures we discovered lots of bears, having a go at using positional language to describe where we found them, In trees, on the bug hotel, under the bench. When we had found all the bears we took them back to nursery and enjoyed some honey on toast, honey being a favourite of some bears.



We again used our binoculars, this time to look for birds in school, this was to take part in the RSPB big school bird watch. We had lots of stories to learn some of the different birds we might see including check sparrow, bouncing blackbird, robin and blue tit before we quietly watched out of the window to count how many different birds we could see, sending our results off and receiving our certificate. We also created our own birds out of paper plates to decorate our classroom.



As part of national story week we shared the story of the three little pigs looking at the different materials the pigs used to build with and also created lots of pigs from pictures paintings and pink dough. We also had a go at creating our own little story's selecting a character setting event and ending together. We had dragons going in to space, robots at the cinema and even a princess having tea with a tiger.



We celebrated Chinese New year, the year of the Dragon and created dragons to make our own dance with tasted the different foods the eat and explored using chopsticks. We found out which animal it was the year we were born and looked at how the traditions are similar to our new year celebrations with food fireworks and festive fun.

As part of mental health week, we looked at different emotions that we might feel and what might make us feel this way. We then shared some calming techniques that we could use to help us if we are upset or frustrated. We did teddy breathing, tracing our breathing in and out and we also enjoyed some yoga.



To end the term, we looked at our class value of 'Love' this linked in with Valentine's Day this week. We all enjoyed a special Valentine's snack together of heart shaped goodies. We also worked together to make cards to share the love and take part in a random act of kindness by surprising our chapel community during their coffee morning taking them cards and flowers, all the children enjoyed giving the gifts and chapel community were thrilled to receive them and meet school's youngest children.



We have had so much fun this half term we hope you have enjoyed reading all about it, we can't wait for the next half term in Nursery!