

Spring 1 - Pre-School

We been very busy, as always, this half term. Our topic this half term has been Fairy Tales, and we have used the stories of Rapunzel and The Three Billy Goats Gruff as our stimulus.

Communication and Language

We have been working on our listening, understanding and attention skills. The children have used different activities, such as role play, book reading and games, to ensure that the children are making strides in their learning.

We have also played lots of circles games, and read a wide variety of stories, including visits to the library to enjoy their books too.



PSED

We have thought about ourselves and how we have grown, and what we are now capable of that we weren't able to as babies. We have also looked at different families and their makeup, and we have been introduced to the NSPCC's Pant rule.

Physical Development

We have continued using the equipment on the KSI playground to build our skills in climbing, and also in risk assessment. We have started P.E. sessions one afternoon a week and have learnt different ways to travel, jump and roll.

We are encouraged to regularly write our name and our letter formation is getting really good. We have used scissors to make, and also manipulated tools in our hairdressers.



Literacy

We have been reading Rapunzel as our main text. We have talked about characters and settings, and drawn these. We have also created story maps of the story and ordered pictures of the story. We also changed the Rapunzel story to make the main character a horse!

Our traditional tale has been The Three Billy Goats Gruff, and we have had fun retelling the story, making bridges, growing 'grass' (cress), and ordering the story.



Maths

We have enjoyed learning lots of number rhymes and using these to support our learning of numbers to 5. We have been using our number skills to accurately count and are beginning to subitise numbers to 5. We have learnt about some 2D and 3D shapes, and have been measuring using non-standard measurement.



Understanding the World

This half term we have been focusing on forces and materials. We looked at different toys and thought about if they worked by pushing or pulling. We also explored magnets, and investigated what would happen to a car if we increased the height of the ramp it was sent down. The children also went on a material hunt and then sorted objects into shiny or dull.

We have also learnt about the Lunar New Year, and the festivals of Shrove Tuesday and Valentine's Day.



EAD

In our imaginative and creative play we have explored the artist and designer Michael Jantzen, and have looked at the bridges he has designed, before exploring the blocks and other materials to make our own bridges.

We have created trolls using playdough and goats using a range of materials. We have loved having lots of junk materials to explore and have used them to make lots of different things.

One of the more popular areas this half term has been the hairdressers. The children have loved playing the role of hairdresser, client and receptionist.



Well done Pre-School for working so hard
this half term.