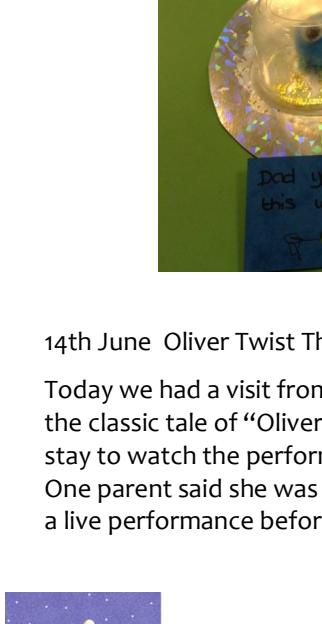


# Templegate Tiny Tots Pre-school

June/ July 2016

## Our sharing diary

6th June "Look how we've grown"



As we are having a bit of a "baby boom" here at Tiny Tots we are continuing our growth theme for a few more weeks, giving us the opportunity to talk about babies and how they grow and change. We also talked about how we have changed as we have grown and what we can do now that we couldn't do when we were tiny. We also looked at "Our First Body" book and talked about our bodies and how they work. We discussed how we are all the same but are different in some ways such as the colour of our hair or how tall we are and how some children may need glasses to help them see.

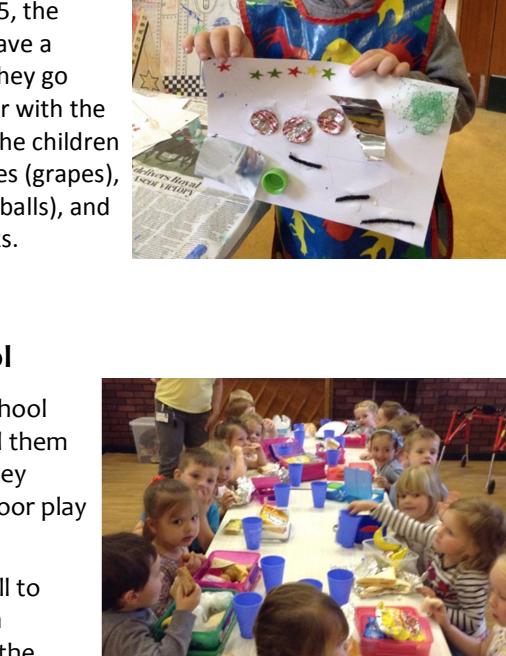


13th June Father's day

This week we have been making a gift for Father's day. We have made a spaceship with a little alien inside, with a message to say "Daddy, you're out of this world!" We talked about all the things we liked to do with our daddies and what makes our daddies so special.

14th June Oliver Twist Theatre production

Today we had a visit from the "M and M theatre company" who performed the classic tale of "Oliver Twist" a very British story. We invited the parents to stay to watch the performance as well as part of our stay and play sessions. One parent said she was really pleased that she stayed as she had never seen a live performance before and thought it was brilliant.



21st June Our Aliens want to go back home!

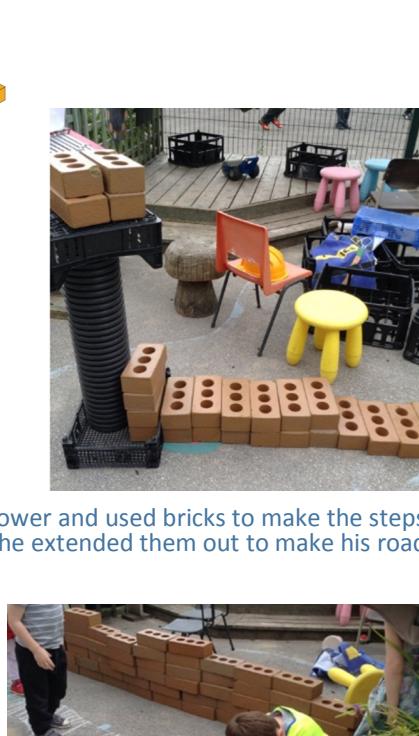


Earlier this year, after receiving a distress call on the whiteboard, we discovered that a space ship had crashed in our playground. When we looked inside we found 5 aliens from the planet Querkon. The children chose names for each Qwerk and as part of their turn to be Monitor of the day, they chose one of them to take home to look after, showing them what they liked to do with their family.

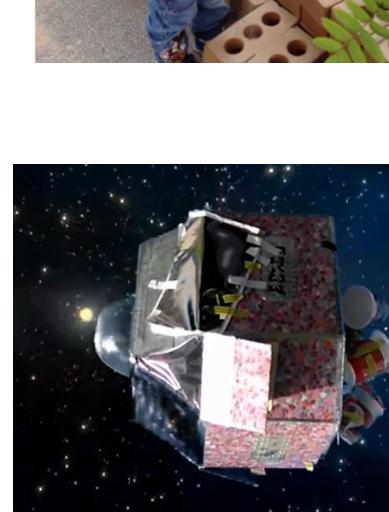
The Qwerks were beginning to miss their own families and wanted to go home so the children began trying to fix their spaceship. We read a story called "The Way back home" by Oliver Jeffers, where a little boy helps an alien fix his spaceship and we talked about how the Qwerks could find their way home. The children decided they would need a map to help them find their way back home. Harry made his map using "a bottle top for the moon and a piece of mesh for the earth, star stickers for the stars, silver card and milk bottle silver tops for the planets and don't forget the pipe cleaner for the shooting stars" said Harry.

"Start at the earth, past the shooting stars on to the moon, pass the planets to the star. Land on the star....that's their home" explained Harry.

After listening to the story of Q Pootle 5, the children also decided that we should have a "leaving party" for the Querks before they go back to their planet. We all sat together with the five aliens in the centre of the tables. The children had Saturn rings (cucumber), black holes (grapes), Apple slices, crisps, moon balls (melon balls), and special star biscuits made by the Querks. The children tucked in enthusiastically.



22nd June Transition into school



Our older children have been going into school in small groups for short visits. We showed them how to find their way to the toilets then they enjoyed exploring the classroom and outdoor play area.

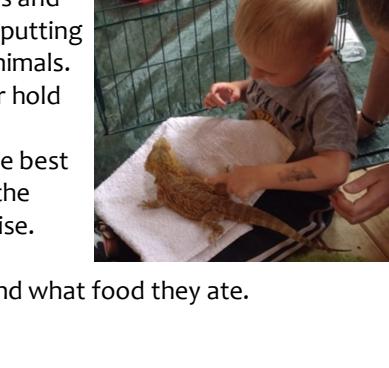
We are continuing to go into the dinner hall to eat our packed lunches, giving the children experiences such as walking quietly down the corridor, waiting in line to go in to the dinner hall as well as eating their packed lunches in there.



27th June The caterpillars have arrived!



Today 10 tiny caterpillars arrived in 2 small tubs. The children were fascinated by them and enjoyed watching them move around the tub. They checked on them regularly, watching them grow, just like the caterpillar in "The Hungry Caterpillar" story which we used as our focus book. We also used story maps to help the children retell the story.



7th July Large construction

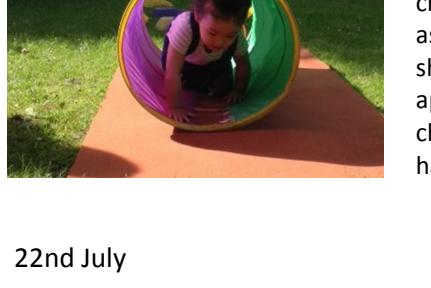
Over the past few weeks some of the children have become really engrossed in using the large equipment to build with, constructing "a secret den for the Ninja Turtles" or "a rocket to go to Querkon and visit Ziggy". Today we included clipboards and asked the children if they could draw a plan of what they were going to build. Lewis drew a plan of what he planned to build, and told me "That's the tower and that's the roof and it's got lots of windows. You go in the door there and these are the steps to climb up. That bit there, is the road going past".



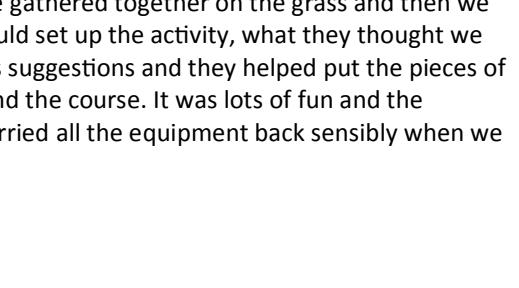
Lewis began to build his tower and used bricks to make the steps. Then he extended them out to make his road.

The children worked really well together, discussing how or what they were going to build. The road became a railway line but when all the bricks were used up they used chalk to draw the tracks and the bricks became the station. Sometimes they used sand as "cement to fix the bricks together" - "This bit doesn't need cement cos it's all metal". Soon the whole playground was covered in railway tracks drawn by the children. This proved to be a good activity to get the boys interested in mark making.

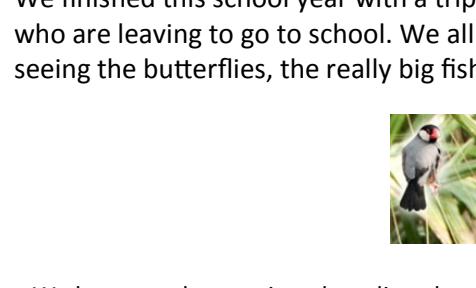
11th July Message from the Qwerks !



We received the news today, via a video transmission on the whiteboard again, that the repairs to the spaceship have held and Bauble, Sunshine, Loobie, Alagazoo, and Ziggy have arrived safely back on Querkon. There was a message to say "Thank you for looking after us so well". The children were really pleased to get the message because they have really missed their aliens friends.

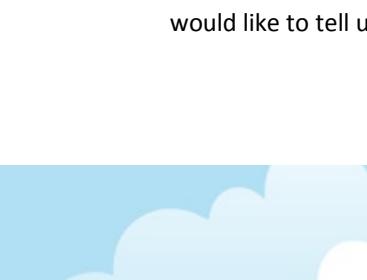
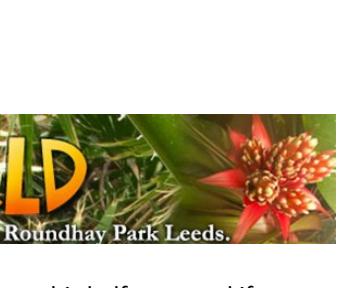


And thank you very much for taking care of us.



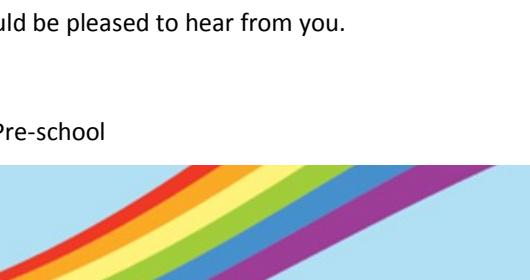
12th July A visit from Lion Learners.

Today we had a visit from a company called Lion Learners. Rachel brought a selection of animals and began by explaining to the children about not putting their hands into their mouths after handling animals. All the children all had an opportunity to either hold or stroke the following animals:- Nancy and Peggy the guinea pigs who were the best of friends, George the bearded dragon, Alice the millipede, Rocky the snake and Tim the Tortoise. When Rachel showed the children each of the animals, she talked about what they felt like and what food they ate.



14th July How does your garden grow?

The answer is really well. We have already harvested raspberries and strawberries. We planted out the peas that sprouted in the mini greenhouse bags and now our peas, beans, tomatoes and courgettes are growing really well and we also have lots of fresh herbs. Later in the gardening year, we should be harvesting our carrots and potatoes.



14th July Butterflies

Today all our caterpillars have finally changed into butterflies and are ready to be released. "They have come out" says Isobel excitedly. She looks closely at them fluttering around. "What are they doing?" she asks watching them opening and closing their wings slowly. "There exercising their wings" I tell her, "Oh" Isobel says, listening as I explain about setting them free as she continues to watch them through the net.



21st July Sponsored Obstacle course.

Today the weather has finally allowed us to set up our sponsored obstacle course. The children each carried a piece of equipment to the grassed area, following instructions about crossing the corner of the car park safely. We gathered together on the grass and then we asked the children how they thought we should set up the activity, what they thought we should start with. We followed the children's suggestions and they helped put the pieces of apparatus in place then took turns to go round the course. It was lots of fun and the children had some really good ideas. They carried all the equipment back sensibly when we had finished. Well done everyone.



22nd July

We finished this school year with a trip to Tropical World as a treat for the children who are leaving to go to school. We all had a fantastic time and the children enjoyed seeing the butterflies, the really big fish and all the rest! A good time was had by all.

TROPICAL WORLD

Tropical World attraction at Roundhay Park Leeds.

