

Our sharing diary



8th September Making new friends

This year we are not only welcoming in new children and their families but are also welcoming three new members of staff to our team, Lucie, Nicola and Katie.



Lucie



Nicola



Katie

We are also pleased to welcome back the children and their families from last year and hope they enjoy making some new friends and joining in with lots of new activities.

This year we will also be having regular visits from a Speech and Language Therapist called Jemma. She will be coming every other Thursday to work with individual children as well as giving general help and advice to the staff.

Getting to know our children

To help to get to know our children this year, we have asked them to bring in their favourite books to share at story time.



We also asked the children to share their favourite songs and Nursery rhymes



Daniel brought in his new favourite book.

"The Tickle book"

The staff have also shared their favourite stories.



Our Buddy book

The buddy book proved to be very popular last year so we have set up a new book for this year. The children enjoy looking at the pictures of themselves and their new friends. They enjoyed being measured and compare their heights, talking about who is the tallest. The book also includes information from the children themselves about what they enjoy doing when they come here to play.



Comparing heights



22nd September Rules for the slide

Towards the end of last year the children began devising some rules for playing on the slide.

We have shared these ideas for keeping safe with the children this year and will be putting up pictures to demonstrate how to play on the slide safely.



26th September The New Outdoor Kitchen

Today we began exploring our new "Outdoor Kitchen". The children now have an old hob unit mounted on a table and a sink with a tap from which they can get their own water. They also have a central unit with hooks for hanging up whisks or spoons and storage areas for putting herbs in to use in our kitchen.



28th September So many new things to explore!

The children are enjoying taking part in a range of activities and exploring their new environment.



Harry discovered that he could hear and speak to his friends on the listening phone.



Looking after the babies in the home corner



Mikey and Ethan packed their backpacks, maps and a magnifying glass to go off on an adventure. "We're looking for dinosaurs".



The children took turns to change the red and green lights on the traffic lights, learning when to stop and start and enjoyed manoeuvring their bikes around the cones.

7th October Kathy's visit



Kathy our music lady visited again today. She talked to the children about Autumn. Kathy told the children a rhyme about leaves falling from the trees. They used their hands to make trees and their fingers to represent the leaves falling. Next Kathy chose five children to stand at the front and together we counted them all, they were some leaves. Kathy played a song on her guitar and we all tried to blow the leaves away. One by one they fell down and we counted again each time we lost another leaf. Kathy then gave everyone a newspaper shaker, they made a lovely rustling noise as we shook them fast then slow. All the children were very enthusiastic.



13th October Mending the roads



Today we had great fun pretending to fix the roads. It began when one of the children wanted to play on a bike but they were all being used. I suggested that he could use the lawn mower and pretend to fix the road while waiting for his turn. We used cones to mark the area that needed fixing and soon lots of other children began to join in. "I'm digging" said James who brought a spade from the sand area and pretended to dig the road. Eli used the sand roller to smooth out the road. Celso became the engineer, drawing circles on his clipboard to represent the holes that needed fixing and then marked the road with chalk to show where the holes were.

Tyler also joined in, holding up the stop sign to stop the bikes driving into the areas where the road was being fixed.

James brought some chippings in a wheelbarrow to fix the hole and later pushed the lawnmower backwards and forwards over the area as he pretended to fix the road, making sounds for the machine. Ethan had now joined the Construction team as well and Ethan and Eli sang "Can we fix it? , Yes we can".



17th October Large construction

Today we got out the "Octoplay" equipment to give the children the opportunity to do some construction on a much larger scale.

The children spent a long time joining the pieces together to make cars, monsters and dinosaurs or just to see whose creation was the tallest.



Building Dens

After lunch the children began playing with the Octoplay again. Karen showed them how they could use the Octoplay as a framework for building a den.

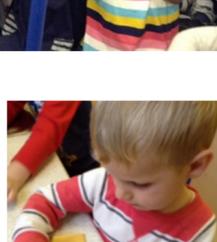
More den building

A couple of children were trying to squeeze into a small space which they said was their den. As there was no space for anyone else to play, Tori suggested that we could try make a larger den then more children could join in. They all worked together, giving their suggestions on how they could build the den and how to fix the material so it didn't keep falling down.



The children gathered in the den, chatting about it being dark and the stars on the fireworks in the sky. Tori used this opportunity to talk about Diwali and explained that it was a "Festival of Light".

The children listened to a story about getting ready for the celebrations and Saara showed all the children how she prays.



Making a Deya lantern for Diwali

Over the past few weeks we have made Deya lanterns to put on our Deya tree and decorated hands with Mendhi patterns.



19th October Celebrating Diwali

Today we celebrated Diwali, with dancing and music.



20th October Harvesting the last of our green beans

We harvested the last of our green beans today which have been growing really well. The runner which were all different for sorting the beans provided a perfect opportunity for sorting the beans and putting them in order from the shortest to the longest.



We hope you have enjoyed reading about what our children have enjoyed doing and learning about this half term and if you would like to share with us what your children have enjoyed doing we would be pleased to hear from you.

Thank you from all the staff at

Templegate Tiny Tots Pre-school