

Friday 7th December 2018

Dear Parents,

Stickman

On Monday, we shared 'The Stickman' by Julia Donaldson which really inspired the children to create stickman painting tools for the creative area and develop stickman paintings and patterns. The children designed their own painting sticks by carefully attaching straw and leaves to the end of the sticks with string!



They had such fun experimenting with them. The children have also enjoyed designing and making their own boats and rafts to float in the water and play 'pooh sticks' using the guttering and water trays. We discovered that we could blow the boats across the water which resulted in a super boat race. During child-initiated sessions we have also been rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity and making cinnamon salt dough Christmas decorations to hang on the School tree. During baking the children made mince pies for our Christmas Activity



Morning.

Literacy

During Read Write Inc. Phonics, the children are continuing to develop their speed and fluency in reading set 1 sounds / words. We have concentrated on using Fred Talk for orally blending words and Fred Fingers for segmenting sounds to write words. We are extremely pleased with the progress of all the children. During child led sessions, the children are choosing to draw detailed pictures of the stickman and his family tree as well as re tell the story in the small world area.



PE

In our PE session this week, the children practised balancing a bean bag on different parts of their body such as their head and arms and then we played 'bean bag treasure' where the children took it in turns to collect a bean bag from the Island and race back to their team. The children were fantastic and demonstrated excellent teamwork.



Maths



In Maths, we are learning to describe patterns so that we can create a pattern for the stickman's family tree. The children have enjoyed using a variety of natural objects to copy and create patterns, coloured peg boards and construction materials to build models with elaborate decorations and patterns.



Christmas Activity Morning

Thank you so much to everyone that was able to attend our Christmas activity morning. It really was so lovely to see everyone participating in the various Christmas activities. We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas nativity next week.



Yours sincerely,

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars, Mrs Ward, Mrs Smith and Mrs Rex