



## Newsletter - 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Last week saw the children creating dinosaurs using shapes. In the creative area they used potatoes cut into simple shapes such as circle, square, rectangle and triangle to print a dinosaur. We then created a special name for the dinosaurs by mixing the children's name with part of a dinosaur name. The children's work is up in the classroom please feel free to have a look.

Outside the children used the glittery mosaic shapes to form a dinosaur, selecting shapes which they thought would be suitable shapes for a head, body, legs and a tail.

We also looked at recording numbers. At the mark making table the children had to choose a bag and count the number of objects within it. They then recorded the amount on their chalk board. There was a similar activity in the malleable area where the children had to find the dinosaurs in the swamp, sort them and then record how many of each there were. We found very little recording being done though, as it was much more fun to have your hands in cold jeli-baff!!!!

The children made the most of the weather and spent plenty of time outside where they magic painted dinosaurs and watched them disappear in the sun, chalked dinosaurs on the pavement and measured the length of dinosaurs and the wingspan of pteradons.

You can help your child learn by: measuring objects using non-standardized units such as duplo bricks, footsteps etc. You could measure the length of a table, a favourite toy or teddy, the distance to their bedroom in footsteps. Get creative! What is the most unusual thing you can find to measure? What is the most unusual way of measuring you can think of?

Request for help: We are expecting a large delivery of sand and bark in the near future and are looking for any willing helpers with wheelbarrows to help move it. We may require you at short notice as we aren't sure exactly when it will arrive. If you could possibly help please let me know. Thank you.

Science Week: This week is National Science week and the theme is changes. We will be looking at how we can change colours by mixing two colours together and looking for signs of spring.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Wear your clothes inside out and a hat and bring a donation to raise money for Comic Relief and Brain Tumor Research.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Mother's Day Event - Decorate a plant pot with your child. £3 per ticket which must be purchased prior. Look out for the PTFA letter.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Wow Afternoon.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Close for Easter at 3.45pm (School closes at 2.30pm)

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