

## Newsletter - 6th March 2017

Last week the children discovered some interesting facts about dinosaurs that walked the earth. We measured out the length of some dinosaurs in the garden, a Brachiosaurus was 26metres long, a Tyrannosaurus Rex was 12metres and a Velociraptor just 2metres. We also talked about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

At the creative table the children created a dinosaur skeleton using pasta to represent bones. In the malleable area and outside the children strengthened their hand muscles and practiced their counting and recognition of numbers skills by putting the correct number of pegs on the stegosaurus to represent the plates on his back.

In the dinosaur world the children enjoyed creating stories around the dinosaurs, there were a few battles with the mean t-rex!

In the mark making area the children have been tracing over letters, following the arrows to correctly form letters of their name.

On Tuesday we celebrated Shrove Tuesday by having pancakes for snack. As you may have heard my pancake tossing skills need more practice as I dropped the first pancake on the floor to the delight of the children!

Thursday saw lots of the children bringing in their favourite books and objects that appeared in them. Unfortunately we didn't get around to reading them all but we had a good go!

## This week's objectives:

M - Shape, Space & Measure - Uses shapes appropriately for tasks - 30-50 mths.

- Shows an interest in shape and space by playing with shapes or making arrangements with objects - 30-50 mths.

M - Number - Beginning to represent numbers using fingers, marks on paper or pictures - 30-50 mths.

- Shows an interest in representing numbers - 30 - 50 mths.

PD - Moving & Handling - Draws lines and circles using gross motor movements - 30-50 mths.

EAD - Being Imaginative - Creates movement in response to music - 30-50 mths.

EAD - Exploring & Using Media & Materials - Beginning to move rhythmically - 30-50 mths

<u>You can help your child learn by:</u> seeing if you can find out the name of any prehistoric animals that flew. Showing your child that computers, i-pads and laptops can be used to find information. Where else can you find information?

<u>Request</u> - When collecting at the end of the day please can you inform a member of staff at drop off if you need to pick up before 3.45 pm. This will enable us to have your child ready and will be less disruptive to story time.

It has also come to my attention that a lot of older siblings are not treating our garden area with respect. They are walking over the flower beds, using resources and entering areas where

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they shouldn't be. For your children's safety and in an effort to keep the garden area in good order please can you ensure your children wait with you. Thank you for your support.

## 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 31st March - Wow Afternoon.

Close for Easter on Friday 31st March at 3.45pm (School closes at 2.30pm)