

W/C Monday 22nd January 2024

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Congratulations Miss Karen and Miss Florence

The children recognised the hard work of Miss Karen and Miss Florence as they had their graduations last week. We are very proud of them both and their dedication to the children. Well done Miss Karen and Miss Florence!



Inside the Montessori Classroom...

An important feature of the Montessori classroom is the attention to creating a beautiful environment. One way we replicate home in our Children's Houses is through having fresh flowers. Children enjoy the practical life activity of flower arranging, enabling them to feel a sense of pride in their environment. The children arrange flowers for each table in their classroom and enjoy taking care of them throughout the week.

Each week we have a flower monitor; if it is your child's turn to be flower monitor for their class, please bring a bunch of fresh flowers in on their first day of attendance that week.



RSBP Birdwatch

The children at WMS will be enjoying our annual participation in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch this week!

Please do your own 'bird spotting' in your garden or park and let your child share with their class their findings from the weekend.

Birthday Walk Celebrations

We celebrated Emmy's 4th Birthday as she walked 4 times round the sun. This moment provides a learning opportunity for the children to learn about journey and growth as during this period the children get to see pictures of the child from newborn till present age.

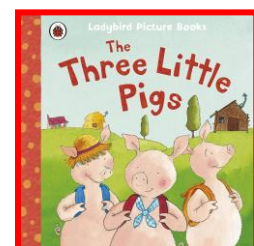


Our last day of this half-term is Friday 9th February. We return to school on Monday 19th February 2024.

Class Information:

Book of the Week

The Three Little Pigs



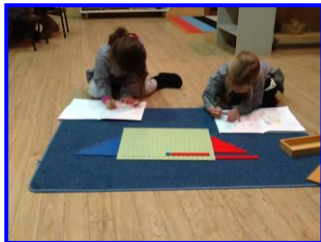
Children's House Brookcroft

It has been another busy week in our Children's House. Last week, we focused on our family as part of our houses and homes topic. The children discussed their family members and learned that all our families are different. The children have enjoyed discovering their friends' families and what makes up their 'home'.

We continue to have our positive affirmation groups. The children are enthusiastic every morning to think about what good deed they will do, for example being kind or helpful towards others. During these sessions, we discuss the things that make us kind, helpful and respectful towards ourselves, others, and the material in our classroom.



The children are continuing to work on their numeracy and literacy skills during our work cycles through presentations to new material. The materials are designed to isolate each challenge to prepare the child for reading, writing and arithmetic.



This week, we will find out how homes are made, and the materials used. The children will discuss how houses around the world are made to adapt to the weather in that specific country.

Thursday will be our 'show and tell' day. If there is an interesting item from home your child wishes to bring in and share with their friends, this should happen on a Thursday **only**. Please be reminded toys are not permitted to school as they cause a huge distraction in the classroom.

The phonetic sound for this week is 'b'. Please help your child to find things in their environment beginning with this sound.

Children's House Oak

Last week the children had great fun learning all about construction, how houses are made, and who lives in our homes. We started our week of learning about who lives in our homes and children enjoyed discussing and



counting how many family members lived in their homes. Thank you to those who shared family photographs to aid our discussions.

During our 'out and about' session, we learned all about how houses are made. The

Children looked at photos of construction and had a look at some real bricks. We then had some role play with hard hats and mock bricks to see how high we could build a tower before it fell. On Friday we baked some cupcakes and decorated them. The children have also been very interested in the geometric solids material and really liked exploring them with blindfolds.

This week in Oak class, we will be learning about the story of the Three Little Pigs. We will be reading the story and discussing why the different materials did and didn't work. We will be exploring the different materials the pigs use in the story and creating some art and crafts with them.

It is also bird watching week, so we will be making bird feeders and doing some bird watching with the children. Our phonetic sound of the week is "p". The children will be continuing exploring shapes using the geometric solids and the geometric cabinets.



Children's House Elm

The children have been busy learning more about homes and houses. Last week, we focused on the various types of houses and who are the people that live in our homes.

During Art, the children built a house using toilet rolls and other art materials. They were able to identify parts of a house such as windows, roof, door fence and bricks. Through sound games we were identifying the sound 'f', some children are able to trace the formation of this letter, too.

During Show and Tell, Marcellus showed us his volcano and invited the children to have a look. They all waited patiently as they each took turns to see his volcano. We also discussed the colours on Marcellus's volcano.



Henry also brought in his gigantic T-Rex and Tesco delivery van which the children were fascinated with. Henry opened the storage for us to see the green crates that help keep the groceries fresh.



The children also enjoyed making cupcakes on Thursday. They practised measuring using various measuring cups then mixing all ingredients together before scooping the batter into the cupcake cases and waited patiently for them to bake.

During our out and about session, the children were shown what a builder was and the importance of their helmet. We looked at bricks and blocks and identified houses that were built with those materials. We then explored by building various houses using bricks and blocks.



This week, we will continue to learn more about homes and houses where we will discuss the people who live in our homes. Could you please send pictures of your family for us to talk more about our family and make a family tree.

Furthermore, we will also learn about The Three Little Pigs as well as take part in the RSBP Birdwatch. Our phonetic sound for this week is "p".

Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings

It was another busy week for our nursery classes. We were talking about people living in our house and materials that are needed to build houses. As we discussed members of our families last week, we also looked at how we can draw people. We looked at details when drawing like the body, eyes, nose, mouth. We learned about different rooms in our house and extended our vocabulary by learning names of objects like kettle, sink, dining table, living room and many more using classified cards. The children shared lots of stories about their house and bedrooms and garden.

We identified the sound 'h' and tried to find different objects beginning with 'h'. We will continue playing "I spy games" regularly and see the huge improvement in children's awareness of phonetic sounds.



We are also looking at different colours and shapes using the Montessori material. Please feel free to identify shapes and colours at home with your child in a casual way through daily experiences.

We looked at different houses during our out and about session. We discussed what we use to build the house and we used outdoor construction blocks to be creative in building houses.

Throughout the week we are helping children to be more independent by introducing new practical life activities. Practical life exercises are organised into three main areas: care of the person, care of the environment and Grace and Courtesy.



The dressing frames introduce such skills as buttoning, zipping. Other activities such as hand washing are considered as caring for the person. Under the area of caring the environment are exercises such as spooning, sweeping the floor, mopping, taking care of plants.

The Grace and Courtesies provide the child with opportunity to learn and practice every day social norms such as nose blowing, saying excuse me, greeting a guest, or introducing ourselves. The aim of practical life lessons is to promote independence, responsibility, coordination, respect for oneself and their environment.

This week we will continue learning about how houses are built. We will be reading story about the Three Little Pigs where children will have opportunity to discuss the story with their friends. Our phonetic sound of the week will be "b".

We will be learning about the birds in our garden as a part of the annual Big Garden Birdwatch. We will be making bird feeders to help them stay strong throughout the winter. There will be discussions about different types of birds.

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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