

What have we been learning in Early Years?

BALANCING BALLOONS

In Early Years Learners used rackets to keep the balloons in the air, developing their hand-eye coordination, balance, and gross motor skills. Learners experimented with movement and timing, they also practised concentration and persistence.



MINI BEAST HUNT

Early Years learners began their new topic with a mini beast hunt, exploring the outdoor area to search for insects and discovering where they live.



NUMBER GAME

The learners took their number knowledge outdoors on Friday. One learner called out a number, and their friends had to listen carefully and run to find the correct number square on the ground. This fun and active game helped to build listening skills, number recognition, and teamwork.



★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★



I am star of the week for being super confident and resilient when forming letter patterns.

"Well done, keep it up!"
Ms Anjali



I am star of the week for being a fantastic risk-taker in phonics and working hard to write letters and practise my letter sounds.

"Fantastic work, keep it up!"
Ms Anjali



BIG TALK

On Thursday the learners used a feely bag activity to help them generate descriptive vocabulary about the minibeasts. They used their senses of touch, feeling the different creepy crawlies before looking at them carefully to generate wow words.



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MINI BEAST MOVEMENT CARDS

The Early Years learners had lots of fun getting active with our Mini Beast movement cards! They followed actions like "March like an ant" and "Wriggle like a caterpillar", using their bodies to move in different ways. This playful activity helped develop their coordination, listening skills, and imagination while keeping them moving and smiling!



PLAY DOUGH

The Early Years learners had lots of fun exploring our Mini Beast topic with playdough. They used their hands and their imaginations to roll, shape, and create their own bugs and creepy crawlies, they even made a mini beast home! This activity develops their fine motor skills while encouraging creativity and language as they talked about the different mini beasts they made and the environment in which they live.



READING

The Early Years learners have been enjoying exploring a variety of books and stories this week! They have been looking at pictures, joining in with familiar words, and talking about the characters and events. Reading together helps our learners to develop a love of books, build their language, and spark their imaginations.



BUTTERFLY PRINTING

This week the learners have been busy collecting leaves from the garden and using them to make beautiful leaf prints for their own butterfly designs. This creative activity helped them learn about patterns, colours, and nature, while having lots of fun with hands-on exploration.



★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★



I am star of the week for being a fantastic risk taker and trying all the activities in the learning space.

"Well done, keep it up!"

Ms Anjali



I am star of the week for being kind and principled. I have been looking after younger learners and listening respectfully to others.

"Well done, Keep shining!"

Ms Anjali

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LITERACY

In phonics our Early Years learners got engaged in feeding Fred the frog with letter sounds, blending and segmenting CVC words.



MUSIC

The Early Years learners have been exploring the musical instruments and trying to play to the rhythm with both loud and soft sounds.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN

In Art the Early Years learners painted spider webs with cotton buds. They decorated them with glitter to bring them to life.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Early Years learners have been practising their ball skills to improve their throwing and catching, balancing, working together and turn-taking.



COME & PLAY DAY

This week the learners had a very special day welcoming their families to come and play with them at iCAN! Thank you so much for joining us.



★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★



I am star of the week for being super confident when taking part in circle time singing songs and communicating with adults and my friends.

"Well done, keep it up!"
Ms Anjali



I am star of the week for being a fantastic risk taker when climbing and swinging on the bamboo swing!

"Well done, keep it up!"
Ms Anjali