



Kingswood Preschool

Newsletter, October 2019

The children in Pre-school have been busy developing their independence skills through regular routines such as handwashing and serving themselves food and a drink at snack time. To promote independence further we have been teaching the children how to put their coats on with minimal adult support. Please encourage and support your child to practice this at home.

1. Place hood by toes
2. place arms in sleeves.
3. Lift arms over head.
4. Push arms out straight into sleeves and downwards.
5. Coat can now be buttoned or zipped.



Rainy days in pre-school!

With the unpredictable autumnal weather lately, the children have had an opportunity to explore a very large puddle that developed in the preschool garden! The children enjoyed using their senses and whole bodies to investigate it. The children talked about where the puddle came from, how it had got so big and how they thought it would disappear.

"The sky!" "Lots of rain" "It's cold" "Where fish gone?"



Harvest

In pre-school we have been learning about foods that are harvested from the ground. The children enjoyed digging up the carrots that were planted from seed in the summer months. The children discovered that carrots have green leaves that grow out of the soil called carrot tops. The children compared the carrots in size and shape before enjoying cooking with them in the mud kitchen. The children also explored shelling peas from pods, this was quite tricky and enabled little fingers to build strength. We also experimented using apples and carrots with paint to create harvest pictures in the creative area.



Drumming with Martin



Pre-school were very excited to receive a special visit from Martin and his African drums. Martin explained to the children that the drums are hand carved from wood, have an animal skin stretched across the top which creates sound when struck with your hands. The children had lots of fun as they followed Martins instructions of fast and slow beats combined with hand raises. The children were mesmerised as Martin performed a traditional African song.

We need your Help!

We are looking for additional resources for some of our areas in pre-school. We would very much appreciate any donations of the following items; pots and pans, whisks, mashers, ladles, colanders, slotted spoons, oven gloves, wooden bowls and plates, utensil holder, tea strainers, sieves, jugs, funnels, various sized spoons, towels, small watering cans, spades, buckets, assorted cushions. Any donations big or small will be very much appreciated. Can you go on an autumn walk and collect us some sticks? This would also be a wonderful way to notice features of the environment, such as differing colours of the autumn leaves.