



Fox Covert Early Years Centre

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Our Learning in the 3-5's room

This week, many children have been enjoying playing in our nursery shop which has been set up in Room 1. Some children had asked for this area and this is one of the ways in which we have been responding to individual and group choices. Staff had observed children previously role-playing out holiday experiences and there was lots of play around buying from ice-cream vans. Children have been taking turns to go shopping in the nursery shop and to work in the shop. We have been exploring money and numbers, using cash registers and play money, calculators and tools for markmaking to support real-life experiences.

The Role Play area in Room 2 is still a home corner, ensuring children have opportunities to develop creative imaginative play and language, working with materials with which they can relate to their home surroundings.

Following our visit to the Fox Covert allotment last Friday, this week, we have enjoyed a shared experience preparing vegetable soup with the Primary 2 children, using the produce we harvested from the allotment and from the nursery garden. The children have been learning where their food comes from and having the opportunity to taste different foods.



2's Room news

This week, our youngest learners have been interested in dinosaurs. This was sparked from a child who had brought in a dinosaur toy. In order to follow up this child's interests, staff selected a dinosaur story that the children have been listening to with enjoyment. Staff recorded children's comments about this interest in their floorbook.

Staff have provided opportunities for a variety of messy play and this week, we made 'cloud dough', using baby oil and cornflour.

The recipe is:

1 cup baby oil, 2 cups cornflour-mix together. It can be moulded, rolled and manipulated- great for developing fine motor skills and for providing a great sensory experience!

Polite reminders!

Please ensure you bring spare clothes for your child, in case they should require changing. We ask that ALL clothes and shoes are named as we cannot identify lost property otherwise. Thank you. We understand that sometimes, it is difficult for your child to come to nursery and that bringing a toy can help during settling times. However, we would encourage you to keep toys at home, or to please take them away with you, to ensure they don't become lost or broken. Thank you for your kind co-operation with these matters.

Important information!!

Early Learning and Childcare Parent /Carer Survey-increase in hours-closing date 22/9

A link was sent recently via ParentPay, asking parents and carers to follow a link to complete a survey regarding the expansion in hours within early learning and childcare.

Thank you for your help if you have already completed this, however, we would like to encourage and support all parents/carers to complete the survey. The City of Edinburgh Council have had 810 responses so far. However, they would like to get 2,000 responses, so we would ask for your continued help to complete the survey by the closing date on the **22nd September**.

Please respond using the link to the survey below or pick up a paper copy in our Centre, located above the Parent/Carer postbox in the foyer.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/elcc17>

Additionally, the Scottish Government are also doing a survey to consult with parents/carers about the increase to 1140 hours. If parents/carers would like to complete the Scottish Governments survey, please do so, using the link below:

www.bit.ly/elc-survey

Best wishes,

Fox Covert Early Years Team