

Newsletter 7 October 2016

Dear Parents,

We continue to share stories with the children and they often serve as catalysts for some of our focus activities (more of this later). We have continued supporting the aim and objective in the EYFS Literacy section of the EYFS curriculum under reading: “has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles”. The children are confidently requesting favourite stories to be shared. We have an amusing addition called “Barry, The Fish with Fingers” by Sue Hendra, which is a tale celebrating all the fun we can have and how we can help others together.

The home corner is always a popular area at Little EIFA. It supports role play and social interactions which in turn supports language development and confidence. We used the interest in food preparation on Monday as our food-themed activity. The aim was to support the children in the preparation of their own snack. Cutting with a knife requires hand-eye coordination, concentration and listening to instructions.

The sun and moon from *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* provided the idea of the craft activity. It prompted discussion on the difference between day and night.

Another literary cue drew upon *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. It was a French-led activity, so the version *Boucle d'Or* was used. This time the story was used to introduce the notion of comparative size. The children joined in thinking about the relative sizes of items. Were they *grand*, *moyen* or *petit*?

Arts and craft are always enjoyable. This week we again fulfilled the aim and objective from the “EYFS Expressives arts and design”: “Explores and experiments with a range of media through sensory exploration, and using their whole body”. Painting hands and making marks on a shared paper canvas together.



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Pictures:

- 1) Barry Fish with Fingers has one of many requests!
- 2) Role-play in the home corner
- 3) Preparing the snack, talking about shape, colour, fruit. Practising a skill
- 4) Messy play: Exploring paint and the paint effects we can achieve



Monday 10 October: Photos at 9:30 (ref email 4/10)