

Little Gems Newsletter

Friday 2.7.2015



Busy Learning

Little Gems have enjoyed listening to the story, 'Kipper's Sand Castle' at story time and the children decided they would like to have a go at building their very own sand castle just like Kippers. First all we decided our sand was too dry, so one of our clever Little Gems had a super idea and added just enough water to make the sand perfect for building. We found a pointy shell, just like the one in the story and made a flag to put on the top. We are pleased to say that there wasn't a crab hiding inside! The children decorated the sand castle with shells, pebbles and a home-made flag. We all thought our sand castle looked so much better than Kippers.

The children enjoyed baking banana cakes and we have discovered some very clever little chefs amongst us. We were so pleased at how the children were able to follow instructions, wait patiently for a turn and share the cooking ingredients. Little Gems really enjoyed their cooking experience and the cakes tasted delicious.

Donations

The children have really enjoyed our sea-side summer focus in Little Gems and are embracing the opportunities to investigate sand, pebbles, rocks and sea creatures! If anyone is off to the beach we would be really pleased if you could collect any of the above items for us so we can enhance our sea-side area and share your child's interests.

Thank you.

Outdoor Learning

The main focus for our outdoor area during the last two weeks has been our 'Ice-Cream Shop'. The children have been very imaginative and suggested their own flavours for the ice-creams and sold them to the adults. Chocolate with sprinkles seems to have been the most popular flavour this week! Our wonderful ice-creams were a welcome treat. The children were delighted when Miss McShane surprised them with real ice-creams in cornets at snack time!

We have also enjoyed lots of water themed activities outdoors and we created our very own rock pool to tie in with our sea-side theme. The children used nets to catch the sea creatures and crabs and explored the rocks and pebbles in the pool.

Reminders

Hot weather!

Please ensure your child comes to Little Gems equipped for the sunny weather.

Sun cream **must** be applied by you **before** your child comes to nursery and unfortunately we are unable to re-apply it during the session.

Your child will need to bring a drink bottle containing WATER to nursery each day and a sun hat to wear outdoors.

Could you please make sure your child has a cardigan or jacket in school at all times.

Thank you