

Sharing Our Learning

October 2023

Learning in Fenwick ECC

During October the children have shown a real interest in outdoor play. They have had many opportunities outdoors to explore with mark making and managing risk.

Chalk has been a firm favourite with the children using this to create artwork on different surfaces outdoors. They have told staff that using it in the rain is their favourite and it makes their drawings more colourful.

The children developed their knowledge of safety and risk management by exploring with real tools. These experiences took place during free play where a staff member supervised small groups of children and guided them in using tools such as hammers, saws and screwdrivers. They experimented with various tools on large pumpkins.

The children demonstrated very good listening skills, very good risk management strategies and are very keen to take part in these experiences again.

They have taken their interest in construction and using tools inside, where they have been using technology to explore jobs where people use tools to help them. They have researched using iPads and the Promethean Board to find a variety of jobs, then experiment with some of the roles. They recently explored brick laying, where they used shaving foam and foam bricks to construct a wall while working together.

Technology has been very popular this month, staff have added QR codes around the playrooms for children to access developmentally appropriate learning experiences such as numeracy games and audio books.

We also had Halloween celebrations with lots of music and dancing, fun party games and a very special snack. We have hosted two Stay and Play sessions which were Halloween themed and saw the children and Parents/Carers take part in Halloween Stories and Rhymes. Our next Stay and Play session will be in December.

Skills for life

Through various experiences the children have been developing valuable skills to assist them in everyday life these have been:

- Managing risk through the use of real tools and risky play outdoors.
- Further developing problem solving and resilience through Construction play.
- Using technology to assist them in their play.

Home Learning Ideas

- Children dressing independently by putting on their own jackets and shoes.
- Discussing familiar signs and logos such as Supermarket names, sports brands, etc.
(Most children can confidently identify Smyths Toys! 😊)
- Access mathematical games by visiting TOP MARKS MATHS on your ICT device at home.