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| See the source imageSee the source imageDunlop ECC Week Sheet Information and ReflectionsWeek Beginning:24/4/2023 |
| Monday24.4.2023 | P.E: We are learning to move our bodies in various ways, as we take part in obstacle courses and use different gym equipment. |
| Tuesday25.4.2023 | Together Time: Music with Mrs BuchananPreschool STEAM Outdoor Project  |
| Wednesday26.4.2023 | Together Time: Moving on Songs with Mrs MarshallPreschool STEAM Outdoor Project |
| Thursday27.4.2023 |  |
| Friday28.4.2023 | Together Time: Rights Respecting School with Miss McGowan  |
| **Reflections: Last week in Dunlop ECC** * The children enjoyed participating in the vets at the role play area and they enjoyed dressing up as doctors/vets. The children took ownership of their own learning and turned the area into a doctors, groomers and hairdressers and it has been super to see them leading their learning in this area.
* We read the story ‘The Tiny Seed’ by Eric Carle and then we then planted cress seeds in clear plastic bags, and have been watching them grow.
* We conducted an experiment based on the book ‘The Tiny Seed’. We planted seeds and placed them in the freezer, put seeds in lots of water and planted seeds without any water. We will keep watching to see which ones grow and the children make predictions about what will happen.
* The children have also been developing their relationship skills, as they care for the babies and animals in the role play area. They have been designing their own bandages and plasters.
* During Right Respecting Schools, Miss McGowan discussed having ‘The Right to Privacy’ with the children, and the children gave some fabulous example of what privacy means to them. They also learnt a new song, called ‘The Boundary Song’.
* Outdoors, we have created a loose parts station, which includes; stepping logs, hollow wooden blocks, plastic crates, tubes, guttering, tyres and half a plastic barrel. After some initial support the children have used these in the most creative ways! They have created various obstacle course, using different loose parts, they have turned the half barrel and tyres into a hamper van and they also turned the half barrel into a boat, where they took turns to sit inside or rock the boat, while singing ‘row, row, row your boat’. It is super to see these new resources being used so creatively!
* We planted grass seed before we stopped for the spring holiday, and the children have patiently been watching for it to grow. (it’s growing, very slowly)
* There has been lots of cooking in the mud kitchen, the children have enjoyed making mud pie, mud pancakes and mud and water soup. They have also enjoyed using real vegetables in their outdoor kitchen and have tried to chop carrots and broccoli using various utensils.
* The tuff tray was filled with water and Orbeez on Friday morning. The children noticed they were very small and after going away to do something else and coming back, they could see that they had grown. We had a lot of discussion about how they absorb water and this makes them grow bigger. After weighing the Orbeez in our large outdoor scales and adding more water to try and balance them out, the children decided to put the water and Orbeez back into the tuff tray and leave them until after lunch, when they would come back to see if they had grown any bigger. After lunch the children were amazed at how big they had become, and spent time discussing the various colours of the Orbeez, how they and changed from being tiny to big and they asked to leave them out of the water over the weekend, as they think they will dry and become small again. (We did check the Orbeez on Monday and they had not gone back to being small.)
* We provided the children with lemons, limes, water and flowers. The children chose to use these to create soups and potions.
* In the creative area, the children have been learning about some famous artists. This week they focused on Monet, where they were given a vase of fresh lilies and were encourage to paint their own interpretation of what the vase of lilies looked like to them. They also looked at the work of Andy Warhol, where they used corks to paint their version of his famous flower print.
* The children created a spring table from a cable reel. They painted it and added some ladybirds to it. They will continue to add various spring items to it this week.
* We had a farm theme in Block Play, the children were challenged to build a farm house and somewhere for the animals to sleep.
* We have some new arrivals in the ECC, we have some caterpillars! The children have been very interested in the viewing pots containing the caterpillars, and have used the magnifying glasses to help them look at the caterpillars more closely. The children have been looking at the caterpillars daily, and are keen to share how there caterpillars are changing with staff.
* The children were provided with some flowered craft sticks and some oasis. They used these to support their counting at the maths table. Some children demonstrated their understanding of simple addition as they added their flowered stick to get to a number of their choice.
* The children explored the ‘Very Hungry Caterpillar’ story in the tuff spot. They were given various items from the story and were able to match these with the days of the week to support them in retelling the story, independently.
* Mrs Mack led a fabulous Bookbug session, where the children enjoyed the story ‘Oi Puppies’ and some rhymes and songs.
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| **Any Other Information** * We will be closed on Monday 1st May 2023 for the Bank Holiday and will return as normal on Tuesday 2 May 2023.
* As we have **P.E** every Monday, please dress your child in trainers and clothes suitable for exercise, this will enable your child to be able to move comfortably and will support health and safety and wellbeing in the gym hall.
* Please note we have changed our Lending Library day to a Friday and this will now be led by Mrs Houston.
* **Lending Library.** The children will choose a book on Friday, and we asked it is returned in the bookbag to the ECC no later than Thursday morning, so we have the bags ready for Friday. The children love the Lending Library and it is super to listen to the children as they share their thoughts on their chosen book. We have now included a record sheet in the book bags if you would like to share your child’s thoughts with us.

**Resources**We are still on the lookout for any interesting resources you may be looking to rehome.* http://sd.keepcalm-o-matic.co.uk/i/we-need-your-donations-please.pngrope/string
* paint brushes
* tarpaulin/old material
* wicker baskets/ wooden dolly clothes pegs
* buttons/shells/pebbles
* pots & pans of any size
* colanders/sieves
* cooking utensils: wooden spoons, whisks, beaters
* baking trays/grills
* small trowels/rakes
* watering cans/plastic buckets
* Tea set, mugs
* Shells
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