

Big Idea: Light and Dark

We have had a great week exploring light and dark. We have been investigating light sources and shadows, finding out how shadows change through the day, measuring shadows and making our own shadow puppet theatre! We talked about how the dark makes us feel and even had a vote to see how many people are afraid of the dark in our class. We read the book *Darkness Slipped In* by Ella Burfoot and talked about how Daisy isn't scared of the dark and even ends up dancing and playing with him before bedtime! We have really enjoyed colour mixing to make darker and lighter tones, making our own torches and head torches in the workshop, building dark dens outside and making adjustments as well as talking about fireflies and their glowing bottoms!! The children have loved our bedroom role play area and have talked a lot about bedtime and morning routines, making each other cups of tea and cereal for breakfast as well as checking everyone's brushed their teeth before bed! We have also had some very special 'Number Experts' this week who have been doing some brilliant exploring and learning showing us everything they can do with numbers. The children have loved wearing their badges with pride!

Next week's BIG Idea and Big Challenge

Next week we will be looking at our new Big Idea of Rocks and Caves. We will be talking about different types of rocks, going on hunts for rocks, becoming geologists and thinking of all of the things that are made of rock. At home you could go on a rock hunt! How many different types of rock can you find? Talk to your children about the size, shape, colour and texture of the rocks you find. Maybe you would want to count or sort them into different groups. How about drawing some pictures of the rocks that you find? Have a look around your home and see how many things you can find that are made from rock, don't forget precious rocks and gems too! If you have any exciting or interesting rocks at home we would love to have them in school so that we could make our very own rock museum! Don't forget to send us your pictures on Tapestry! Have fun exploring and learning!

