

Big Idea: Bats

This week we have continued investigating caves and looked closely at what's inside them. We learnt how bats live in caves and found out lots of bat facts from books and video clips. We even saw the biggest colony of bats create a 'batnado' of 20 million bats at the famous Braken Cave in Mexico! All this learning sparked lots of exploring and learning and the children have been building bats in construction and block play, making bats in the workshop and drawing pictures of

Braken Cave complete with a layer of bat guano (pool!) at the bottom! The children have continued learning about caves and have been telling cavepeople stories around the fire in our cave, making cavepeople food in the mud kitchen and even had a cavepeople training camp for spear and hammer throwing outside! It has been lots of fun and great to see all the children so engaged and inspired!

Next week's Big Idea and Big Challenge

Having been inspired by the darkness of caves, we will be moving on to our next Big Idea of Light and Dark. What happens at night? Ask your child to draw a picture of all the things they can think of that happen at night! What words would you use to describe the dark? How does it make you feel? Do you like the dark? Why not go for a night time walk and talk to your child about the difference between going for a walk in the day and a walk at night time. You might want to think about your bedtime routine and how you get ready for the night to come. You could make a list of all of the things you do and what times you do them e.g. have a bath, clean your teeth, read a book etc.. What do you do in the morning when night time is over? Maybe you could talk about shadows and even make a shadow puppet theatre to retell some of your favourite stories! Do you have any favourite books about the dark? What do the characters do at night time? Have fun exploring and learning!

