

Engage, Enquire, Excel at Millfield

Stars and Rockets

In exploring and learning this week:

The children have loved our theme of shops and have made a greengrocers, a bakery, a cafe, a hardware shop and a sweet shop. They have been very busy making signs, price labels, writing shopping lists, special offer posters and using money as part of their play. The children have loved our text 'The High Street' and have made story maps, a rose garden, painted blue and white china, observational paintings of roses, created a 'rose wall' as well as linking back to their own experiences of shopping in Littleport and Ely. We have drawn maps showing how to get from our homes to Aldi for example and have looked at Littleport on google earth.

Our next Big Idea

Next week we will following on from the children's questions about whether spiders make good pets and find out about pets in general. We will use the children's own experiences of having pets as a starting point to talk about how to look after pets, including going to the vet. We hope to make a 'pet shop' and use this as a way of introducing money and revisiting counting skills. We will use the story 'What pet to get?' by Emma Dodd as a way to discuss which animals make good pets and the pets the children would wish for.

The Big Challenge: '

Talk to your children about how you celebrate Christmas at home, e.g. decorating the Christmas tree, sending Christmas cards, wrapping presents, putting out stockings, the Christmas meal. Your child could draw pictures, make cards and wrapping paper, help you prepare some Christmas food, make a christmas meal with playdough or even create a short film about how they are getting ready for christmas at home. A big thank you to everyone who is sharing observations with us on Tapestry, liking and commenting on what we upload. It is great for us to know that you have seen and perhaps even talked about these observations with your child. A 'like' is only one click away! Don't forget to share any of your home learning with us. It is really useful for us to see what your child has been up to and what they are interested in.

Tapestry

Thank you to all parents who have added comments to our observations and even added their own. Please check your child's tapestry account regularly as we do tell the children that we have shared their work with you. If you have any further questions please do come and ask.



Useful Information

We hope you have found the parent consultations helpful. It was lovely to speak to you all.

Please don't forget to bring in warm, waterproof clothing and welly boots. As the weather gets colder we will still be exploring and learning outside.

Water bottles - please only provide your child with water to drink in their water bottle. Squash can be provided for lunch as part of their packed lunch. Use this as an opportunity to talk to your child about the importance of drinking water to keep healthy.

Please can you remind your child the importance of coughing/sneezing into their elbow and the need to wash their hands after they have blown their nose.

Please make sure that you keep all siblings with you when waiting for your child at the end of the school day. Do not let them run around the mounds or play in our area.