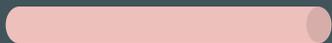




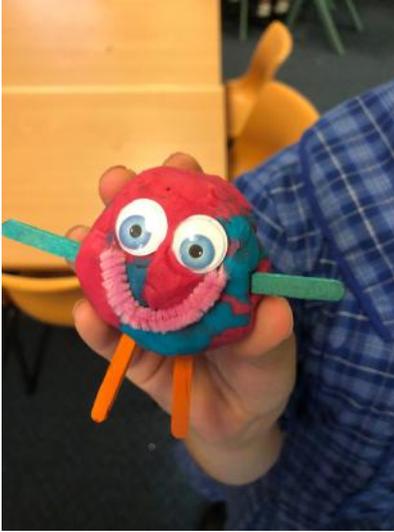
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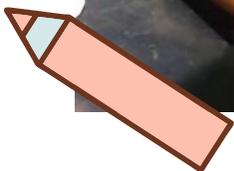
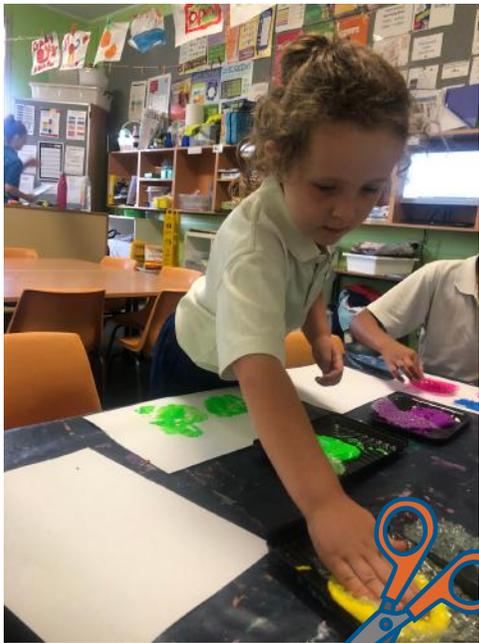
## OUR WEEK AT OSHC

Monday morning the children created puppets using brown paper bags. The bags were designed in various ways with many choosing to create animal puppets such as lions, turtles and unicorns. Paddle pop sticks, glitter and googly eyes were then added to create a real life effect to the puppets. Puppets are a great way to help children develop their social and motor skills and meet the visual, tactile and emotional needs. Outdoor play was additionally enjoyed by many of the children with free play being offered each morning. Games such as soccer, one bounce and handball are amongst the most popular. Others opted to enjoy some quiet time inside playing board games, imaginative play with the kitchen/dollhouse and reading.

The afternoon was spent outside where the children played a collective game of basketball. For those who weren't up for the game, free play was offered on the play equipment and oval. Craft today was sensory based involving playdough. The children were challenged to create faces on the playdough by using googly eyes, paddle pop sticks and pipe cleaners. This activity provided the children with unlimited possibilities moulding the dough into various shaped faces. Thereby, it encouraged the child to use their imagination and inspired creativity. Many of children showed an interest in mixing the two different coloured doughs together to create a new colour. They were curious about this and asked lots of questions thus increasing their knowledge and overall development.

Tuesday morning the children engaged in a fun (and messy) painting experience allowing them to freely express themselves and develop their creativity. The children painted artworks using sponges that were of various textures and shapes. Many liked to firstly paint one pattern on and then another over the top to create a unique design. Inside the OSHC room the children enjoyed imaginative play with the dress ups.

We have been introducing more dress ups and costumes as a way for the children to use their imagination and be creative.



We have found that it additionally sparks creativity, when they think of what they want to dress up as and what they need to wear to look like that character.

In the afternoon the children enjoyed outdoor play participating in games such as one bounce, handball and soccer. Sandpit play was offered where the children have continued to enjoy 'Mini Masterchef' using kitchen utensils such as cupcake trays, spoons and pans. Inside beading was programmed for the craft activity as it stimulates creativity. A wide range of bead colours, sizes and styles was available to the children providing the ultimate sensory experience allowing the children the freedom to choose their patterns and designs to make their creations. As the children were deciding on the pattern they wanted to create, they had to select and order the beads and place them on templates. This assists children in becoming more organised in day to day life, for example, thinking about the best order to put clothes on to get dressed in the morning.

Wednesday morning the children engaged in some sensory fun art using bubble wrap. Bubble wrap is a lot of fun for the children to explore. Feeling the various textures of the puffy bubble pouches and hearing the noise of popping them. It was a great activity for creating interesting patterns and shapes with paint. The children cut the bubble wrap into shapes such as circles, squares, rectangles, love hearts and triangles. Once the paint was placed on the trays, the bubble wrap shapes were pressed down into the paint. The paint covered shapes were then pressed down onto the paper with the children gently pressing it with their fingers and lifting. Both inside and outdoor play was available to the children where board games, imaginative play, one bounce and soccer were enjoyed.

Wednesday afternoon was spent cooking a delicious rice bubble slice. Firstly, the butter and honey was stirred in a small saucepan. The children then placed the rice bubbles and oats into a large bowl adding in the butter mixture until it was mixed well. The slice was then spooned into a tin and pressed down flat with a rubber spatula (see last page for recipe).

Foil painting was enjoyed by the children this Thursday morning. This was a great alternative to just painting on standard white paper.



This activity was suited to all age groups. It was interesting to observe the children first be a little rough with the paints where the edges of the tin foil would tear. The children therefore learnt very quickly that paint on foil responds quite differently to what they are used to and that foil is very fragile. Indoor and outplay was additionally offered to the children where they participated in games such as handball, basketball and one bounce.

The afternoon was spent enjoying our weekly Tennis Lesson by James. This week James focused on teaching the children more specialised hits like angled volleys, drop shots and lobs. Craft for the afternoon consisted of shaving cream painting. Firstly, the children sprayed the shaving foam into a flat tub and added food colouring. The colours were then swirled around with a paddle pop stick until a beautiful pattern was created. Plain pieces of paper were then added on top of the shaving cream and gently lifted to create a beautiful abstract pattern. Angel shapes were also decorated with faces being drawn on them and glitter.

Friday morning crayons and oil paints were used to create 'magic art'. The children firstly designed their own artwork with crayons choosing any design they wished. Oil paints were then used on top of the crayon to create a beautiful rainbow effect. Many children enjoyed outdoor play for the morning engaging in sports such as netball, basketball and handball.

OSHC then ended the week with some craft activities. We love testing out new painting techniques with the children and therefore instead of using paint brushes we tested painting with hair combs. This fun activity teaches the children how to use new materials in a different way, investigate how to create patterns and textures and observing colour mixing. We added drops of paint onto the paper and then dragged the comb across the paint which created a beautiful marbled effect as the colours merged together.



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# No Bake Rice Bubble and Oat Slice Recipe

## Ingredients

- 30 g butter
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 2 cups puffed rice cereal
- 1 cup Oats

## Instructions

1. Line an 18 x 28cm slice tin with baking paper, making sure to leave plenty of paper hanging over the sides to help you remove the slice once it has set.
2. Place the honey and butter together in a large saucepan to melt.
3. Add the puffed rice cereal and oats to the saucepan and mix to combine.
4. Transfer the mixture to your prepared slice tin and press the slice down with the back of a spoon to flatten it. Place the slice into the fridge for 4 hours to firm.
5. Cut into pieces to serve