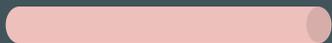


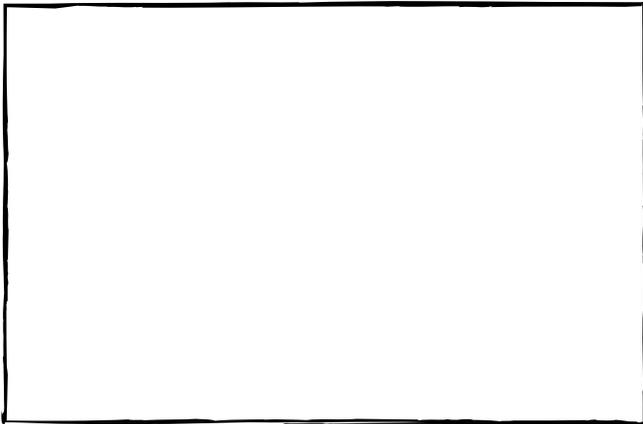


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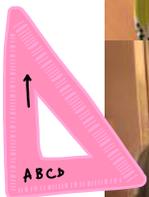
## DEAR PARENTS



## OUR WEEK AT VACATION CARE

Make me a Rockstar Day was all about embracing our inner movie and singer vibes. The children firstly needed to make themselves look like rockstars which included wearing some wigs, designing their own rockstar glasses and spraying their hair various colours. They most definitely then looked the part! The children then designed their very own Hollywood walk of fame star. This required them to cut out the shape of a star and print their own rockstar name on it. These were then used for imaginative play where many of the children pretended to be walking down Hollywood Boulevard or on a red carpet. It was then time for our incursion. The rockstar workshop enabled the children to gain their confidence and build their self esteem through story telling and performance skills. It was great for all ages to participate in as the children were able to dress up and role play as DJ's, photographers, game show hosts and singers. As a collective the children created their own band banners and then designed and crafted their guitar. The children then baked their very own microphone cupcakes. Once the cupcakes were baked and cooled, we were ready to make the microphones! Frosting was added and then sprinkles to finish off the microphone. These cupcakes were super simple to put together, and had a super cute end result! A disco party was then held to finish the day off. The children participated in dance games such as musical statues and additionally used glow sticks. The children loved the freedom of moving around and making noise. Not only was this a fun activity but it is also an important part of each child's development. Dancing, singing and playing music enabled the children to learn what their bodies can do. It also taught them how to interact with other people, objects and the world around them.

DIY Day began with a paper challenge where the children had to create 3D paper houses by folding and decorating the houses to create small towns. Wooden figures were additionally used as people and house tenants to make their towns look more realistic. There were 3 house designs from which the children could choose from. What we loved about making paper houses was the blank canvas that was handed to the children which were then transformed into personalised homes and their own DIY towns. Newspaper forts were then created while the children were in teams and were challenges against a timer to create the best fort which was judged based upon the stability and aesthetics.



These forts were surprisingly durable and simple structures that were built from rolled newspapers and magazines. These structures were easily modified from the basic form by adding tunnels or covering it with fabric and blankets. To build this structure all the children needed was newspaper and tape. It was then time to make our own DIY bath bombs. The children firstly added all the ingredients into a bowl and mixed them together. The mixture was then placed into a jar and shaken vigorously. Once the citric acid was added the children noticed a slight fizzing reaction. The mixture was then mashed into the molds and left to dry. Once completed these bath bombs would result in the perfect gift. A few batches were made using different colours and various essential oils for an array of scents. The next activity that the children completed was the crystal letters made in a Jar. The children used a pipe cleaner to make the first letter of their name and then attached it to a string and hung it in hot water with Borax. The children were very excited to see the end result. However, they had to wait 24 hours until it would work. After that we created our very own light theatre. The children used a old box and placed some tissue paper over the front. They used the different cardboard animals to create their own shows and performances with the light. The children loved watching each others performances and was great to see the collaboration among them all.

Pizza Picnic Day started off great as we were given the jumping castle for an extra day. The children, in groups of 4 had turns jumping away. The first activity was painting different clay models together. We also went outside and together had a game of bullrush and capture the flag. The children loved playing together and outside in the sunshine. After such a fun morning the pizza finally arrived. The children were so excited! We had many different flavours such as ham and cheese, hawaiian, meatlovers, cheese and pepperoni. The kids sat under the trees and ate pizza and garlic bread with all their friends. The children finished their pizza and built all the kites and flew them together. It was a windy afternoon, perfect for kite flying. To finish off the day, the children used modelling clay to create different designs and had a few more jumps on the jumping castle. It was a fun day!

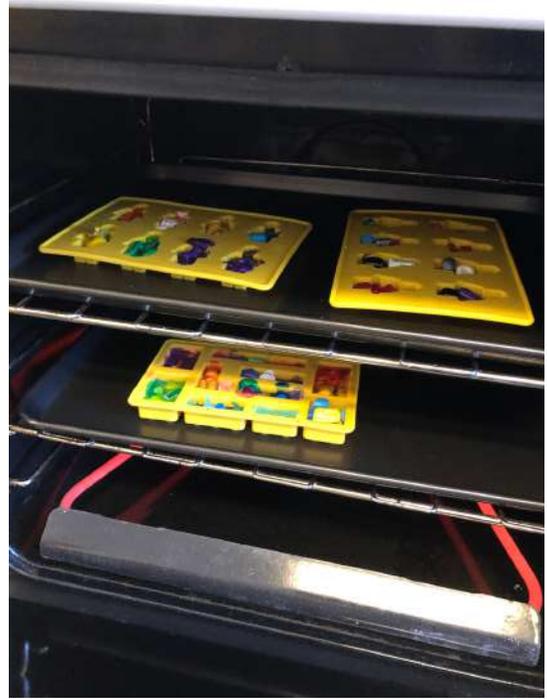


Jumping Castle Day was full of fun and excitement! We began the day with some outdoor arts and crafts using chalk paint. There are various ways to play and learn with chalk making the activity super versatile. The chalk goes on wet but as it dries the colour really pop out at you. The children loved to paint the concrete and rocks and the great thing is that it washes right off. The children then all participated in an experiment where we attempted to make our own super bouncy ball. By stirring various ingredients together such as warm water and borax and glue. As soon as the glue hit the borax solution it began to harden. The children had to then gently squeeze and squish the ball until it was no longer sticky. The ball was then removed from the borax solution and rolled between the children hands. After lots of jumping and bouncing on the jumping castle we began our own grass head gardening activity using old stockings, grass seeds and soil. We started with putting 2-3 table spoons of grass seeds in the tights followed by soil which was then shaped into a ball and tied. A nose was then pinched. The tights were then placed into a cup with water added. Lastly we put them into a sunny spot to ensure that they would grow. It was then time to wait for the hair to grow! Villages were then created using brown paper bags and templates provided in which the children had to cut out. Doors, windows and awnings were added to the bag by folding and sticking them on. The bags were then stuffed with old newspaper on the inside so they didn't fall flat. It was then time for our last experiment of the day called 'Elephant Toothpaste'. This experiment resulted in lots of foam overflowing from a bottle. Once the two different solutions were mixed and added together into the bottle we watch the foaminess begin and explode.

During artist day all the children embraced their inner monet by creating various craft projects. We firstly began with creating clay sculptures where the children rolled, squeezed and mixed clay together to create various objects such as basketballs, cats and watermelons. Bubble painting was then engaged in where the children mixed hand soap with paint and water to create a mixture that would blow bubbles and leave an amazing print of their pages. We then transformed our very own crayons into lego figures by cutting the old crayons up into small pieces and placing them into the molds and into the oven.



The crayons would then melt into the molds until they hardened and turned into rainbow crayons that can now be used. The day ended with a cardboard weaving activity where the children had to cut slits into the cardboard and then weave various coloured wool into it.



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