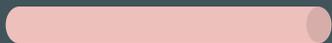




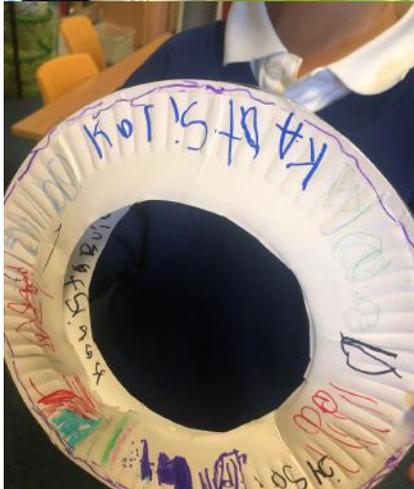
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DEAR PARENTS

Do you notice anything different about our staff? We are excited to have received our new OSHC uniforms that feature our very own MPPS OSHC Logo.



OUR WEEK AT OSHC

Monday morning the children created twirling paper monsters using paper and string. Firstly, two large circles were cut with a small slit in each one. The circles were then joined together by sliding the two slits together. This part was key to making the twirling paper monsters work! String was then attached to the paper with a medium sized white eye being placed on top of it. The children then had the creative freedom to draw their own eyes and design their own mouths with many choosing to add scary teeth or stitch like mouths. The children loved how silly the faced look in blurred motion. This activity required the children to utilise their fine motor skills to fold, cut and glue paper together to form their monster. Problem solving was also essential as the children needed to follow the folding instructions and if a mistake was made, find a new solution. In the afternoon the children participated in a colourful and fun craft through making paper plate fruits. The children loved playing with the bright paint colours while creating their favourite fruits. Many of the children chose to paint kiwi fruits, watermelons, oranges and apples. In order to create a watermelon the children cut out a circle from the pink paper, trimming away enough paper to only cover the centre of the green plate. This was then attached to the centre of the green plate using a glue stick where the paper plate was then cut in half. The children then drew seeds using a brown and black marker.

Tuesday morning the children used their imagination to design their own Superheroes on brown paper bags. Many drew inspiration from superheroes such as Spiderman, Batman and Wonder Women. The children cut and coloured their superheroes and added extra details such as eyes, capes and masks. Once dry the puppets were ready to fight some crime and save the day as the children used them in imaginative play. One of the children's favourite things to do at OSHC is incorporate nature into craft. This afternoon we therefore used sea shells to turn them into animals. Many of the children painted the shells and made them into crabs, fish, ladybugs and dogs. The children used their imagination to explore and experiment with various painting techniques on the shells and would often mix colours until they found their perfect shade.

Wednesday morning the children created their very own frisbees using paper plates. Since they are made from paper plates, they are reasonably safe to use inside and outdoors and are a great solution for



children who have trouble holding and throwing a standard plastic frisbee disc. The children firstly cut out the inside of 2 frisbee plates and then stuck them together with tape. These were decorated to their liking using textas, crayons and glitter. The children then played indoor frisbee with their new creations. They used targets such as a bookshelf or basket and would try and throw the frisbee to land on the target. In the afternoon the children participated in our weekly cultural cooking experience. This week we drew inspiration from Italy by creating Italian Frittatas. All the vegetables were firstly chopped and cooked for around 5 minutes. The children then added the eggs into a bowl and beat them. The beaten eggs were then added into the veggies. Once the eggs were cooked, the heat was turned off and topped with cheese. The finished dish was delicious. The simplicity of this recipe was great to involve the children as they could easily read the recipe and be involved at every stage. Another version was made with some cherry tomatoes and spinach that turned out amazing!

Thursday morning the children experimented with a new painting technique by using recycled toilet paper rolls to create a firework texture with paint. The print pattern created by the cardboard roll fans mimics that of fireworks brilliantly. The children created as many different size and coloured fireworks as they liked. When printing the fireworks onto the paper, we used a 'bounce and twist' motion as the children transferred the paint and fireworks pattern onto the paper. We began with printing the largest fireworks cardboard fan first and then printed over the top with the next size down to the smallest. We spoke about the different textures that could be created and sizes, where the children would identify which one is the largest and which was the smallest.

In the afternoon the children created their own nature crowns. Using a crown template provided, the children took their baskets and went for a wander around the school playground... we explored the vegetable garden, the playground and surrounding gardens. We spoke about the colours, smells, textures, patterns, shadows and how plants grow. The natural elements were then used to decorate the crowns by gluing them on until the crown was covered. Many of the children then used these once dry in imaginative play where they pretended to play the roles of queens and kings in kingdoms. We love to incorporate natural elements and hands on sensory



experiences into our play and craft and this activity did both! It was very simple to set up but offered many opportunities for investigation and use of the senses.

Friday morning the children created dragonflies out of pegs! The finished peg dragonflies made sweet DIY toys for imaginary play, or alternatively the children were provided with magnets where they could be used as decoration on their fridges at home. The children firstly decorated their pegs with sharpie markers. A set of wings were then cut out and attached to the peg with glue along with goggly eyes. Once finished, the children then wanted to make more to ensure their dragonfly didn't feel lonely without a few friends.

In the afternoon due to the rainy weather we treated the children to a special afternoon movie where they watched 'Megamind'. For those who didn't feel like watching the movie, they engaged in free play or participated in our afternoon craft activity which involved painting with toy cars. This task was simple for the children as they made the toy cars and trucks drive through the paint and created track markings from their journey across the paper.



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