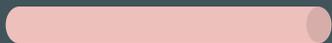




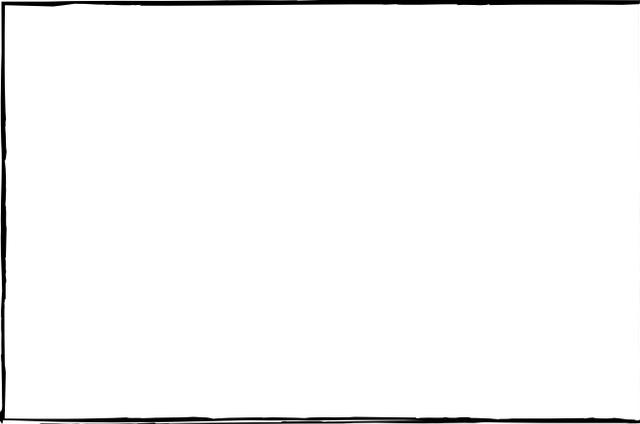
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## DEAR PARENTS

## OUR WEEK AT OSHC

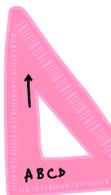


Monday Morning the children learnt the art of origami. The children had the choice to make various figures such as dogs, fish and paper cranes. The children were required to follow the folding instructions which if done correctly would result in a wonderful design. This activity was not only fun but beneficial for the children's learning as it develops their hand eye coordination, sequencing skills, maths reasoning, spatial and memory skills. All of these combined stimulates the children's brains, especially when they are using both their hands at the same time. The children loved the magic of turning a piece of paper into something useful such as a toy or pretty decoration. A handball competition was additionally ran outside where the children versed each other in various rounds of handball. This competition will be continuing throughout the week until an OSHC Handball Champion is crowned.

In the afternoon the children experimented with a new painting technique, using fruit instead of traditional paintbrushes. The children would pick different fruits and dip them into the paint which would then be placed on the plain paper to create stamps. They were amazed with the different patterns and textures that could be created. Before the activity the children were questioned on what they thought would happen when they put the fruit on the paper. For example as in; what shapes will it make, what will it look like and how many can we fit on one page.

Tuesday morning was spent collaging. The children gazed through various magazines until they found images that they liked which were then cut out and placed on their paper. By cutting out various sheets from the magazines, the children were able to build up a collage library of colours and patterns. The children particularly enjoyed finding and using eyes, lips and ears to create fun characters as well as more original fashion and food pieces. Our handball competition this morning was unfortunately cancelled due to the wet weather. We are additionally in the process of creating our Thank You poster to PAYCE for our new building, which we are all excited to move into. The children have been decorating the poster and writing individual thank you messages. The afternoon was spent creating DIY Spinners. To create these, the children firstly cut out 3 circles and glued them together. Their circle design was then decorated with textas. 2 Small holes were then placed through both sides of the circle where a piece of





twine was then passed through each hole to create the handle. The children were then very excited to use their spinners which we found out actually hummed the faster they spun it.

Wednesday morning the children engaged in a fun cut and paste camping craft. This was a great activity for the children as it assisted in developing their fine motor skills with cutting and glueing. The children were able to design their own tent and decorate it themselves. All the pieces were then cut out including; pine trees, bears, stars and a fire pit. The children could construct their campsite in any way the liked.

In the afternoon the children participated in our weekly cultural cooking activity. This week we cooked Dutch Speculaa Biscuits which was provided to us from the Mazzone Family. Though popular at Christmas, these Dutch spiced biscuits are traditionally baked for Het Sint Nicolaasfeest which marks the start of the festive season. In a large bowl the children firstly mixed all the ingredients together including flour, sugar, butter, milk, spice, baking soda and zest. The dough when was rolled where the children used cookie cutters to cut the dough into shapes. The cookies were then brushed with egg white and a sprinkle of brown sugar. They were then baked for 10-25 minutes until the cookies were turning a slightly darker shade of brown.

Thursday morning the children participated in a scissor skills activity where they used brown paper bags to create haircuts and faces. This cute scissor skills activity is the perfect way for children to practice using their scissors without having to use a worksheet and was a great way to encourage creativity too. Firstly the children drew faces on the bags and then created various hairstyles using scissors.

In the afternoon it was time for some sensory fun! As the weather is starting to get cooler, we are making an effort to cling on to the last days of warm weather and engage in outdoor activities before it gets too cold. We used cups and added flower petals, leaves, sticks and even some toy animals and then filled them up with water. After being left in the fridge for 24 hours, they were ready to be excavated. The children then used playdough tools to dig away at the ice. All children who participated in the activity expressed their excitement and willingness to continue on with sensory activities.

Friday morning the children utilised their fine motor skills to participate in loom bands. This required them to weave plastic rubber bands around one another until



a long string began to form. This activity required the children to use their planning skills to decide on the colours they wanted to use before they even began. Many chose to use rainbow bands and weave them into decorative items such as bracelets and charms. When we are outdoors in the morning we encourage physical activity as well encouraging the children to slow down and observe the sky looking out for clouds, birds and planes. The children have expressed their interest in aeroplanes which inspired us to run our very own paper aeroplane competition. During the competition many of the children were leading discussions around aerodynamics. The children were required to firstly fold and create their aeroplane and then decorate them to distinguish theirs from their competitors. In the afternoon the children participated in a science experiment called "Magic Milk". We began with pouring milk into a tray where food colouring was then dropped in. A drop of dish soap was then added into the mixture. The children then watched in amazement as the colours danced across the surface of the milk.



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